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Town Officers, 1897=8.

Town Clerk,

CLARENCE H. BACHELER,

Treasurer,

WALTER E. JONES.

Selectmen,

WM. ABBOTT, FRANCISCO BOWEN, WM. L. CHURCH

Overseers of Poor,

A. F. JONES, W. P. WIGHT, ORLAN F. CHASE

Assessors,

GEORGE ABBOTT, I. S. BALCOME, C. R. HILL

Trustees Town Library,

A. D. BOWERS,
C. J. BATCHELLER,
JOHN U. HUBBARD,

A. H. MARSH,
H. O. LAMSON,
W. P. WIGHT.

Town Agent,

WILLIE MANAHAN.

School Committee,

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| STILLMAN RUSSELL, | WILLIAM H. EMERSON |
| H. O. LAMSON, | VERNON T. ESTEN, |
| W. W. BROWN, | SOLOMON F. ROOT, |
| E. E. YOUNG, | C. J. BATCHELLER, |
| M. M. LUTHER. | |

Constables,

| | |
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| WM. W. BROWN, | STILLMAN RUSSELL |
| EDW. P. HEATH, | J. B. HOWARD, |
| GEO. M. WALLIS, | FRANK F. YOUNG. |

Agent Moses Wallis Devise,

AARON F. JONES.

Appraisers Moses Wallis Devise,

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| I. S. BALCOME, | WM. L. CHURCH, |
| HENRY D. WALLIS. | |

Auditor,

GEORGE ABBOTT.

Tax Collector,

EDWARD B. KNAPP.

Road Commissioner,

ARTHUR F. JONES.

List of Jurors.

TO BE ACTED ON MARCH 21, 1898.

Edgar C. Parker,
Aaron F. Jones,
Chauncy R. Hill,
Andrew J. Thayer,
James Dermody,
Francisco Bowen,
Frank Correll,
Walter E. Parker,
Ralph E. Aldrich,
Moses H. Balcome,
Samuel J. Draper,
Charles S. Caswell,

James W. Wixtead,
Edward B. Knapp,
Henry D. Wallis,
Jesse B. Sweet,
George M. Wallis,
Milton Humes,
A. Fred Marsh,
Herbert N. Lougee,
Eben G. Babson,
Vernon T. Esten,
Charles A. Whipple,
Charles Mercier,

Thomas H. Meek.

WILLIAM ABBOTT, } Selectmen
FRANCISCO BOWEN, } of
WILLIAM L. CHURCH, } Douglas.

Warrant for Town Meeting.

WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Douglas, in the
County of Worcester, Greeting :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

You are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Douglas, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in East Douglas in said Douglas, on Monday, the twenty-first day of March inst., at nine o'clock, in the forenoon ; then and there to act on the following articles :

ART. 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2.—To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, three Selectmen, three Assessors, Town Agent, six Constables, Tax Collector, Agent Moses Wallis Devise and Three Appraisers on Devise of Moses Wallis, three Fence and three Bridge Viewers, all for one year ; also one Overseer of the Poor for three years, three School Committee for three years, one School Committee for two year, and two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, and one Road Commissioner for one year.

ART. 3.—To choose all other necessary town officers, and fill any vacancies that may appear.

ART. 4.—To vote on the question : “Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors the ensuing year?” in this town.

ART. 5.—To hear the annual reports of the several Town Officers and act thereon.

ART. 6.—To raise by tax and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of the poor, of schools, for repairing school houses, repairing highways and bridges, for

paying of debts and interest and contingent expenses the ensuing year.

ART. 7.—To determine the time when poll and other taxes shall be collected.

ART. 8.—To see if the town will vote to instruct the Collector of taxes for the year, 1898, to collect interest on all taxes not paid at a specified time, and to fix said time and rate of interest and see if the town will give the Collector of Taxes the same authority that a Town Treasurer has when Collector.

ART. 9.—To see if the town will accept the list of names proposed by the Selectmen to serve as Jurors the ensuing year, or amend the same by adding thereto or taking therefrom.

ART. 10.—To see if the town will vote to pay the members of the Fire Company, the sum of eight dollars each, for their services the ensuing year, no member to receive said sum until he has served his full year ending April 1, 1899, and all fines to be deducted from said amount and covered into the treasury of said company.

ART. 11.—To see what use the town will make of the Dog Fund, so called the ensuing year.

ART. 12.—To see what number the acting Superintending Committee of schools shall consist and what their compensation shall be.

ART. 13.—To see what compensation the town will allow their Tax Collector the ensuing year for collecting taxes.

ART. 14.—To choose one or more Auditors, in accordance with Sec. 1, Chap. 221, of the Laws and Resolves of the year 1888.

ART. 15.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to furnish state aid to disabled soldiers and their families and for any other purpose not included in Art. 6.

ART. 16.—To see if the town will vote to authorize the Assessors to abate such taxes as in their judgement ought to be abated, which were assessed in previous years.

ART. 17.—To see if the town will vote to reimburse to Burton Goddard the sum of \$27.06, that being the amount of his tax assessed for 1897, which he paid, which under Chapter 148, of the Laws and Resolves of 1897 should have been exempt from taxation.

ART. 18.—To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to Samuel Sibley Post, G. A. R., for charitable purposes, under provisions of

Chap. 189, Sec. 1, of Acts and Resolves of the year 1885.

ART. 19.—To see what price the town will pay for teams and labor the ensuing year.

ART. 20.—To hear the report of all outstanding committees and act thereon.

ART. 21.—To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for revising and rewriting the old town records now becoming illegible.

ART. 22.—To see if the town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money with the approbation of the Selectmen to pay all necessary expenses when there is a deficiency in the treasury.

ART. 23.—To see if the town will accept and maintain as a town road, the road leading from the bridge near the Nelson Potter place to the place owned by Charles G. Gazette.

ART. 24.—To see if the town will vote to increase the bond of the Town Treasurer to the sum of \$15,000.

ART. 25.—To see what disposition the town will make of the license money received for the year 1898.

ART. 26.—To see if the town will raise and appropriate one hundred dollars to be expended on sidewalks by John C. Hammond.

ART. 27.—To see if the town will vote to divide the salary of Overseers of Poor, the Chairman to receive one hundred dollars and the other members of the board twenty-five dollars each.

ART. 28.—To see if the town will raise and appropriate twenty-five dollars to repair and keep in running order the Town Clock on the Second Congregational Meeting House, in East Douglas.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at the Post Office in East Douglas, at the Post Office in Douglas Center, and at the School House in South Douglas, ten days, at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fifth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

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| WILLIAM ABBOTT, | } | Selectmen of Douglas. |
| FRANCISCO BOWEN, | | |
| WM. L. CHURCH, | | |

Report of the Selectmen.

The Selectmen of the town of Douglas, herewith respectfully submit their annual report of the financial affairs of the town, for the year ending March 1, 1898.

150 orders have been drawn on the town Treasurer, to the amount of \$16,998.91, for the following purposes :

[H Highways and Bridges.

| | |
|---|------------|
| Arthur F. Jones, Supt. of Highways, for repairs on highways, | \$2,817 25 |
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Schools.

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| Teachers' salaries, care of rooms, school supplies, and repairs on school houses, | \$5,788 69 |
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Overseers of the Poor.

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| For support of Poor, | \$3,000 00 |
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State Aid, Chap. 301.

| | |
|-------------------|---------|
| Arena Chapman, | \$48 00 |
| Lucina P. Sibley, | 48 00 |
| Wellington Dore, | 51 00 |
| Joseph T. Arnold, | 50 00 |
| Chandler Titus, | 36 00 |
| Thomas Snow, | 24 00 |
| Mrs. Henry Cook, | 48 00 |

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| Laura Balcome, | \$48 00 | |
| Dighton Goddard, | 24 00 | |
| Wm. S. Reynold, | 9 50 | |
| Sylvester Chase, | 68 00 | |
| George Leach, | 48 00 | |
| Charles E. Green, | 36 00 | |
| Jacob Blunt, | 72 00 | |
| James Wilson, | 3 00 | |
| Sybil Andrews, | 36 00 | |
| Mary McKenney, | 20 00 | |
| Wellington H. Balcome, | 52 00 | |
| Simon H. Paine, | 18 00 | |
| Chas. A. Whipple, | 36 00 | |
| Alfred A. Marsh, | 36 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$811 50 |

Samuel Sibley Post, G. A. R.

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|-------------------|----------|
| Vote of the Town, | \$150 00 |
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Fire Company.

| | | |
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| Order No. 7, | \$12 00 | |
| Vote of Town, | 320 00 | |
| Repairs on engine, and horse for use on engine, | 7 00 | |
| Supplies for company, | 27 36 | |
| A. F. Jones, fuel, | 10 25 | |
| A. F. Jones, fuel, | 6 75 | |
| | <hr/> | \$383 36 |

Soldiers' Aid.

| | |
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| Expense and care of Mrs. Rivers, | \$23 40 |
| Mrs. Rebecca Nickerson, | 10 00 |
| Wm. Abbott, to Chelsea, | 7 50 |
| Burial of Wm. Reynolds, | 25 00 |
| Board of James Wilson and George Johnson, | 74 99 |
| Nickerson case, | 20 00 |
| “ “ | 16 00 |

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| Expense Nickerson case, | \$3 00 | |
| “ “ | 22 00 | |
| “ “ | 4 00 | |
| “ “ | 6 80 | |
| “ “ for medical aid, | 20 00 | |
| “ “ burial, | 28 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$260 69 |

Town Clerk.

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|---|---------|---------|
| C. H. Batcheller, recording, indexing, and returning births, deaths and marriages, | \$45 90 | |
| C. H. Batcheller, attending eight town meetings, | 20 00 | |
| attending town clerks meeting, | 4 00 | |
| Express, postage, stationery, dog lic., etc. | 12 96 | |
| | <hr/> | \$82 86 |

Registrars.

| | | |
|---|---------|---------|
| G. A. Gleason, one year, | \$15 00 | |
| Charles Mercier, one year, | 15 00 | |
| W. H. Babson, one day, | 3 00 | |
| W. Schuster, one and one-half years, | 22 50 | |
| Brigham Morse, | 5 00 | |
| C. H. Batcheller, one year and services as clerk of board, | 17 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$78 00 |

Election Expenses.

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| John M. Rawson, four meetings, | \$10 00 |
| W. L. Church, | 5 00 |
| Wm. Abbott, | 5 00 |
| J. W. Wixtead, | 5 00 |
| C. J. Batcheller, | 2 50 |
| F. Bowen, | 2 50 |
| S. Russell, | 2 50 |
| Geo. M. Wallis, | 2 50 |
| V. T. Esten, | 2 50 |

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|-------------------|--------|---------|
| W. P. Wight, | \$2 50 | |
| F. A. Place, | 2 50 | |
| C. J. Batcheller, | 2 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$45 00 |

Aaron Aldrich Farm.

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| Paid A. F. Jones, for farm, | | \$300 00 |
| Sold farm for | \$450 00 | |
| Gain on farm, | | 150 00 |
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| | | \$450 00 |

Overseers of Poor.

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| Salaries, | | \$150 00 |
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Purchasing Agent.

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| S. Russell, | | \$25 00 |
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Town Treasurer.

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| W. E. Jones, | | \$75 00 |
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Selectmen.

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|------------------|---------|----------|
| Wm. Abbott, | \$33 34 | |
| Francisco Bowen, | 33 33 | |
| Wm. L. Church, | 33 33 | |
| | <hr/> | \$100 00 |

Cattle Inspectors,

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| Heath and Dermody, inspecting cattle, hogs, and meat, | | \$155 09 |
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Assessors.

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| C. R. Hill, services, | \$81 25 | |
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| I. S. Balcome, services, | \$68 00 | |
| George Abbott, services, | 55 00 | |
| Books and stationery, | 7 56 | |
| | <hr/> | \$211 81 |

Truant Officer.

| | |
|--------------|---------|
| F. F. Young, | \$15 00 |
|--------------|---------|

Printing.

| | | |
|----------------|---------|----------|
| Order No. 8, | \$95 50 | |
| Order No. 74, | 15 90 | |
| Order No. 140, | 4 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$115 90 |

Sexton.

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| M. H. Balcome, | \$5 00 |
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Snow Roads.

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| Snow roads, | \$400 00 |
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Miscellaneous.

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| Rebate of taxes to Nelson Jefferson, | \$28 90 |
| Gravel Pit, | 100 00 |
| Sibley, sexton, | 8 00 |
| Copying by-laws and recording deed, | 3 99 |
| Care of Wm. Reynolds, | 2 00 |
| Fence posts, | 5 00 |
| Village pine cemetery, one lot, | 11 00 |
| Time and team with state officers, | 5 00 |
| Arthur F. Jones, team to fire, | 4 50 |
| Copying and recording by-laws, | 4 80 |
| Services as auditor, | 5 00 |
| Three watchmen July 4, | 7 50 |
| Care of Lunatic, | 2 75 |
| W. L. Church, mowing cemetery, | 7 00 |

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| Posting town warrants and notifying officers to take oath, | \$7 90 | |
| Uxbridge Compendium, printing by-laws, | 6 00 | |
| Thirty-eight settees town hall, | 79 20 | |
| Posting town warrant, | 2 50 | |
| Freight on settees, | 3 52 | |
| Bowen and Church, expense to Worcester, on new school house, | 9 65 | |
| Paid Mary D. Swan, for land, | 200 00 | |
| Surveying two mile road, | 90 00 | |
| E. P. Heath, on dog warrants, posting warrants and printing, | 13 00 | |
| Geo. W. Taft, services, | 10 00 | |
| Testing gravel pit, | 1 50 | |
| Joseph Bowen, returning fifty deaths, | 12 50 | |
| Returns of Births: | | |
| S. P. Holbrook, | 1 50 | |
| P. L. Couillard, | 3 00 | |
| Geo. Clark, | 4 25 | |
| W. R. Wallis, two chestnut boxes, | 2 05 | |
| E. Sterling, return of eleven births, | 2 75 | |
| Arthur F. Jones, attending two fires and drawing settees, | 3 50 | |
| W. E. Jones, expenses as treasurer, R. R. fare, express, etc., | 61 20 | |
| Markers for revolutionary soldiers, | 22 25 | |
| Expense diphtheria cases, | 29 26 | |
| | | \$760 97 |

Recapitulation.

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| Highways and bridges, | \$2,817 25 |
| Schools, | 5,788 69 |
| Support of poor, | 3,000 00 |
| State aid, | 811 50 |
| Samuel Sibley Post, | 150 00 |
| Fire company, | 383 36 |
| Soldiers' aid, | 260 69 |
| Town clerk, | 82 86 |
| Registrars, | 78 00 |
| Election expenses, | 45 00 |
| Cemetery addition, | 92 79 |

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| School committee, | \$100 00 | |
| Purchasing agent, | 25 00 | |
| Treasurer, | 75 00 | |
| Selectmen, | 100 00 | |
| Inspection of cattle, | 155 09 | |
| Salaries overseers of poor, | 150 00 | |
| Assessors, | 211 81 | |
| Truant officer, | 15 00 | |
| Printing, | 115 90 | |
| Sexton, | 5 00 | |
| Expense snow roads, | 400 00 | |
| Paid for Aaron Aldrich farm, | 300 00 | |
| Paid on new school house, | 1,075 00 | |
| Miscellaneous, | 760 97 | |
| | <hr/> | \$16,998 91 |

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| WILLIAM ABBOTT, | } | Selectmen of Douglas. |
| FRANCISCO BOWEN, | | |
| WM. L. CHURCH, | | |

Approved March 1, 1898,

GEO. ABBOTT, Auditor.

Treasurer's Report.

W. E. JONES, Treasurer.

| 1897. | | DR. |
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| Mar. 1. | Cash on hand, | \$2,280 10 |
| 10. | Rec'd from E. B. Knapp, Collector, '96, | 200 00 |
| Apr. 2. | A. A. Putnam, Justice, | 113 71 |
| | State Treas. $\frac{a}{c}$ corp. tax, | 17 36 |
| | State Treas. $\frac{a}{c}$ state paupers, | 11 00 |
| 27. | E. B. Knapp, Collector, '96, | 100 00 |
| | Lee, Higginson & Co, on note, | 7,122 50 |
| 30. | S. Russell, drug. license, | 1 00 |
| | H. W. Jones, butch. lic. '97, | 1 00 |
| | W. C. Bathrick & Co., 1st and 4th class licenses, | 1,800 00 |
| | Edward Genott & Co., 1st and 4th class licenses, | 1,800 00 |
| June 3. | F. R. Caswell, butch. lic. '96, | 1 00 |
| 5. | State Treas. $\frac{a}{c}$ state paup. | 142 88 |
| | City of Fall River, | 212 00 |
| | John Condon, butch. license, | 1 00 |
| 14. | E. B. Knapp, Collector, '96, | 100 00 |
| 25. | Reuben Brown, pedler's lic. | 6 00 |
| 29. | Hobby horse license, | 10 00 |
| July 3. | A. A. Putnam, Justice, | 126 45 |
| 6. | Hobby horse license, | 10 00 |
| Aug. 3. | E. B. Knapp, Collector, Nos. 1-7, inc. | 9,700 00 |
| 10. | Napoleon Lamontague, ped- ler's license, | 6 00 |
| 23. | State Treas. $\frac{a}{c}$ paupers, | 239 55 |

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| Aug. 23. | Rec'd from State Treas. $\frac{1}{2}\%$ inspection cattle, | \$80 66 |
| Sept. 21. | E. B. Knapp, Collector, Nos. 8-10 inc. | 555 00 |
| | Nazare Belisle, $\frac{1}{2}\%$ pedler's lic. | 6 00 |
| | E. B. Knapp, Collector, '96, | 50 00 |
| Oct. 18. | E. B. Knapp, Collector, Nos. 11-15, inc. | 745 00 |
| 20. | Walter Cook, Auctioneer's lic. | 2 00 |
| | A. A. Putnam, Justice, | 80 05 |
| Nov. 8. | E. B. Knapp, Collector, '96, | 50 00 |
| | E. B. Knapp, Collector, Nos. 16-22 inc. | 1,700 00 |
| 10. | Lavina S. Jones, on note, | 500 00 |
| Dec. 13. | E. B. Knapp, Collector, Nos. 23-29 inc. | 800 00 |
| | State Treas., $\frac{1}{2}\%$ corp. tax, | 187 18 |
| | bank tax, | 135 17 |
| | state aid, | 903 00 |
| | state paupers, | 208 75 |
| 22. | County Treas., $\frac{1}{2}\%$ dog fund '97, | 301 26 |
| | Selectmen, sale Aldrich farm, | 450 00 |
| | E. B. Knapp, Collector, Nos. 30-31 inc. | 200 00 |
| 1898. | | |
| Jan. 10. | Amabel Signet, pedler's lic. | 6 00 |
| | A. A. Putnam, Justice, | 41 62 |
| 12. | E. B. Knapp, Coll. No. 32, | 100 00 |
| 28. | State Treas., $\frac{1}{2}\%$ state paupers | 4 05 |
| Feb. 8. | E. B. Knapp, Coll. No. 33, | 100 00 |
| | A. J. Thayer, ins. Aldrich farm, | 4 37 |
| | Income school fund, | 341 71 |
| | E. B. Knapp, county tax, | 701 00 |
| Feb. 23. | E. B. Knapp, Collector, Nos. 34-35 inc. | 250 00 |
| 28. | Arthur Jones, Road Com. | 36 87 |
| | E. B. Knapp, Collector, '96, | 100 00 |
| | S. Russell, $\frac{1}{2}\%$ sale books, etc. | 4 28 |
| | C. J. Batcheller, Treas. Lib'y, | 70 41 |
| | Interest on deposits, | 57 28 |
| | Borrowed from new school house fund, | 1,450 00 |
| | Order of abatements to C. S. | |

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| | Caswell, Collector, '93, | \$41 77 |
| Feb. 28. | Rec'd from E. B. Knapp, Collector, '96, | 28 61 |
| | E. B. Knapp, Coll. '97, No. 36, | 338 32 |
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| | | \$34,631 91 |

W. E. JONES, Treasurer.

| 1897. | | CR. |
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| Mar. 17. | Paid Albert Butler Estate, interest on note 1 year, to Feb. 11, 1897, | \$42 00 |
| | Albert Butler Estate, interest on note 1 year, to Feb. 11, 1897, | 30 00 |
| 29. | M. M. Luther, interest on note to Mar. 29, 1897, | 12 00 |
| Apr. 2. | E. P. Heath, Deputy Sheriff, | 7 38 |
| | E. O. Bacon, " " | 13 55 |
| 3. | Orders of Selectmen, 1-19 inc. | 1,499 52 |
| 5. | Edwin Moore interest on note 1 year, to Mar. 26, 1896, | 120 00 |
| 21. | Whitinsville Savings Bank, interest on note, | 95 00 |
| 30. | Whitinsville Savings Bank, note and interest, | 4,006 84 |
| | Lee, Higginson & Co. interest, | 129 41 |
| May 1. | Lura A. Wallis, interest on note 1 year, to Apr. 20, 1897, | 48 00 |
| | Orders of Selectmen, 20-30 inc. | 1,999 26 |
| 4. | Wm. Abbott, interest on note 1 yr. | 90 00 |
| | Wm. Abbott, guardian, principle and interest, | 692 25 |
| 26. | E. P. Shaw, State Treas., one-fourth license money, 1897, | 900 25 |
| June 2. | Order of Public Library No. 85, Sarah Richardson, int. 1 year to May 30, 1897, | 17 69 |
| | | 37 96 |
| 4. | Edwin Moore, int. on note to Apr. 29, 1897, | 78 00 |
| 5. | A. F. Jones, Overseer, | 354 88 |
| | Orders of Selectmen, 31-42, | 1,454 97 |
| 12. | • Edwin Moore, $\frac{a}{c}$ note to Butler Estate, | 300 00 |
| | Edwin Moore, int. on two notes one | |

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| | | year, | \$72 00 |
| July | 2. | Paid J. C. Hammond, | 29 37 |
| | 3. | Orders of Selectmen, 43-53, | 1,522 86 |
| | | E. P. Heath, Dep. Sheriff, | 85 89 |
| | | S. Russell, Constable, | 12 02 |
| Aug. | 7. | Orders of Selectmen, 54-63, | 669 93 |
| | 19. | E. N. Jenckes, Agt. int. 1 year to | |
| | | Aug. 17, 1897, | 110 00 |
| | 30. | Order Library, No. 86, | 26 68 |
| | | A. F. Jones, Overseer, | 239 55 |
| | | A. J. Thayer, insurance, | 22 50 |
| Sept. | 4. | Orders Selectmen, 64-70 inc., | 396 60 |
| | 7. | Order Library No. 87, | 19 04 |
| Oct. | 2. | Orders Selectmen, 71-80 inc. | 1,118 80 |
| | 5. | J. B. Howard, Constable, | 10 00 |
| | | E. P. Heath, Deputy Sheriff, | 25 10 |
| | 26. | Note and discount to Lee, Higgin- | |
| | | son & Co. | 7,122 50 |
| Nov. | 6. | Order abatement to L. S. Whipple | 7 10 |
| | | Orders Selectmen, 81-92 inc., | 998 03 |
| | 11. | Order Library, No. 88, | 211 14 |
| | 30. | Heirs R. Walling, int. 1 year to | |
| | | Nov. 18, 1897, | 65 70 |
| Dec. | 3. | Order Library No. 89, | 21 80 |
| | 4. | Orders Selectmen, 93-100 inc., | 209 41 |
| | | Orders Selectmen, 101-108 inc., | 1,789 81 |
| | 15. | A. F. Jones, Overseer, | 208 75 |
| | | State tax, | 735 00 |
| 1898. | | | |
| Jan. | 1. | Orders Selectmen, 109-117 inc., | 915 26 |
| | 24. | Abatement to Milton Humes, | 71 |
| | | E. P. Heath, Deputy Sheriff, | 30 76 |
| Feb. | 5. | Orders Selectmen, 118-129 inc., | 2,062 39 |
| | 10. | County tax, | 701 00 |
| | | Discount on taxes, | 216 76 |
| | | Orders abatement, $\frac{9}{100}$ 1897, | 35 56 |
| | 28. | Orders Selectmen, 130-133 inc., | 111 91 |
| | | Est. Albert Butler, int. on two notes | |
| | | to Feb. 19, 1898, | 59 70 |
| | | Order Library No. 90, | 16 55 |
| | | A. F. Jones, Overseer, | 4 05 |
| | | Orders Selectmen, 134-135 inc. | 24 00 |

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| Feb. 28. | Paid Orders Selectmen 186-149 inc. | \$2,169 29 |
| | “ abatement I. T. Johnson, | 2 84 |
| | “ Selectmen, No. 150, | 56 87 |
| | “ Library, 91-94 inc., | 92 52 |
| | “ abatement to C. S. Caswell, | |
| | Call. 1893, | 41 77 |
| | “ abatement to E. B. Knapp, | |
| | Coll. 1896, | 5 43 |
| | Inhabitants Douglas tax, | 23 18 |
| | Cash balance on hand, | 402 82 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$34,631 91 |

Assets and Liabilities.

Assets March 1, 1898.

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Cash on hand, | \$402 82 |
| Lockup and school property, | 5,000 00 |
| Almshouse establishment, | 3,000 00 |
| Personal property at almshouse, | 1,658 92 |
| Engine building and lot, | 1,350 00 |
| Fire engine and hose, | 800 00 |
| Two safes in selectmen's room, | 425 00 |
| Road machine, scraper, and tools, | 327 49 |
| New books, stationery, etc. on hand, | 168 87 |
| Due from state, acct. state aid, | 811 50 |
| support state paupers, | 1,690 77 |
| inspection of cattle, | 155 09 |
| other towns and cities, acct. aid rendered, | 178 41 |
| E. B. Knapp, Coll., '96 acct., | 248 32 |
| New town hall building and lot, | 2,800 00 |
| Unexpended cash in school house fund, | |
| including loan to town, | 13,855 33 |
| Due from state, account burial indigent | |
| soldiers, | 50 00 |
| E. B. Knapp, Coll., '97 acct., | 968 30 |
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| | \$33,890 82 |

Liabilities.

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| Note to Retus Walling Heirs, | \$1,095 00 |
| Albert Butler Estate, two notes, | 900 00 |
| Edwin Moore, three notes, | 2,500 00 |
| M. M. Luther, | 200 00 |
| Sarah Richardson, | 632 68 |
| Wm. Abbott, | 1,500 00 |
| E. N. Jenckes, Agent, | 2,000 00 |
| Lura Wallis, | 800 00 |
| Edwin Moore, | 2,000 00 |
| Lavina S. Jones, | 500 00 |
| School house loan, 4s. | 15,000 00 |
| Order to Mrs A. K. Richardson, | 300 00 |
| Interest on above notes, | 694 75 |
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| | \$28,122 43 |

The town has borrowed during the year on its notes, not including the new school house notes, \$7,500, and paid up notes to the amount of \$14,650.00,

New School House Account.

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| | DR. |
| Rec'd from bankers, proceeds sale of town notes, | |
| \$15,000.00 4's, | \$15,122 22 |
| Interest to Feb. 1, '98, | 8 11 |
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| | \$15,130 33 |

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| | CR. |
| Jan. 21. Paid for lot of Batcheller heirs, and architect, | \$675 00 |
| Feb. 9. Paid Union Wall Trunk Co., | 600 00 |
| 28. Loaned to general fund of town, | 1,450 00 |
| Mar. 1. Cash on hand, | 12,405 33 |
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| | \$15,130 33 |

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| Cash on hand, | \$12,405 33 |
| Loaned to town, | 1,450 00 |
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| Total balance school house fund | \$13,855 33 |

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER E. JONES, Treasurer.

Approved March 15, 1898,

GEORGE ABBOTT, Auditor.

Annual Report of the
Overseers of the Poor,
 For the Year Ending March 1, 1898.

CHARLES E. SIBLEY, Supt. of Almshouse.

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| Personal property at almshouse as per inventory | |
| March 1, 1898, | \$1,808 46 |
| Personal property at almshouse March 1, 1897, | 1,658 92 |
| Showing a balance in favor of the farm over last year, | <u>\$149 54</u> |

We have made the Superintendent debtor to what he has received for labor, produce, etc., and credited him with what he has paid out as follows :

| | | Dr. |
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| 1897. | | |
| Mar. | 1. Cash in hands of supt. | \$41 55 |
| | 10. G. Dudley, for labor of team, | 3 00 |
| | 16. James Wilson, for three month's board, | 18 00 |
| | J. M. Rawson, labor on highway, | 1 85 |
| Apr. | 21. Fred Chappell, labor and team, | 5 25 |
| | 22. Chas. Hilton, for plowing, | 1 50 |
| | H. T. Barton, | 10 00 |
| | Sarah Smith, for bbl. apples, | 1 00 |
| | Chas. Hilton, for turnips, | 25 |
| | Lloyd Bros., for wood, | 36 00 |
| May | 1. Three and one-half cords wood to lockup, | 14 00 |
| | Alonzo Gove, for board, | 5 00 |
| | A. F. Jones, labor on highways, | 26 50 |
| | 8. Fred R. Caswell, wood, | 6 00 |

| | | Dr. |
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| 1897. | | |
| May | 8. Attending funerals, | \$8 00 |
| | Scoggie & Barton, team work, | 3 50 |
| | 18. Two pigs, | 2 75 |
| | 28. Augustus Morse, board to March 1, 1897, | 44 64 |
| | Walter Parker, pigs, | 5 00 |
| | Jesse Thompson, pigs, | 5 00 |
| | H. T. Barton, pigs, | 5 00 |
| | C. Titus, pigs, | 5 00 |
| | A. J. Dudley, pigs, | 5 00 |
| | E. Parker, pig, | 2 50 |
| | Fred R. Caswell, fifteen dinners, | 3 75 |
| | H. T. Barton, team work, | 12 00 |
| June | 5. Merick Parker, | 4 00 |
| | 22. Charles Potter, pigs, | 5 00 |
| | A. F. Jones, stone for camp ground, | 1 00 |
| July | 3. Arthur F. Jones, labor on highway, | 30 10 |
| | 26. W. B. Stone, milk, | 10 55 |
| Aug. | 2. Lloyd Bros., six cords wood, | 22 50 |
| | Rev. I. T. Johnson, labor on ice, | 15 80 |
| | Joseph Aslin, milk, | 50 |
| Nov. | 28. O. Putnam, moving saw-mill, | 5 25 |
| | Jas. Daley, bbl. cabbage, | 1 00 |
| | Cad Titus, bbl. cabbage, | 1 00 |
| Dec. | 4. All. Keith, bbl. cabbage, | 75 |
| | Mrs. Rogers, two bbls. cabbage, | 1 50 |
| | George Palmer, labor, | 2 00 |
| | Labor on cemetery, | 21 70 |
| Jan'y | 17. Walter Parker, ten cords wood, | 35 00 |
| Feb'y | 5. Arthur F. Jones, labor on highways, | 11 65 |
| | 10. Dan'l Rogers, two cords wood, | 7 00 |
| | 17. Scoggie & Barton, labor with team, | 20 00 |
| | For stone, | 1 45 |
| | Babson, one bbl. cabbage, | 1 00 |
| | 25. Walter H. Parker, fifteen and one-half cords wood, | 54 25 |
| | A. F. Jones, three cords wood to lockup, | 12 00 |
| | Geo. Fairfield, milk, | 1 00 |
| | Chas. Hilton, pork and milk, | 50 |
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| | | \$538 54 |
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| 1897. | | Cr. |
| Mar. | 25. S. F. Root & Co., three pr. hose, | 25 |
| | Two pr. hose, | 30 |

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| Mar. | 7. | Tobacco, | \$ 30 |
| | 22. | " | 30 |
| | | W. E. Jones, bushel basket, | 1 25 |
| | | One half bushel basket, | 38 |
| | | Two bolts, | 10 |
| | | Two baking tins, | 60 |
| | 25. | Plow point, | 75 |
| | 11. | S. Russell, | 10 |
| | 22. | Whiskey for Mrs. Conley, | 50 |
| | | Jamaica ginger, | 35 |
| Apr. | 10. | Opium Mrs. Jones, | 1 00 |
| | | H. Logee repairing chains, | 40 |
| | | Shoeing horses, | 2 00 |
| | | Babson, fish, | 2 50 |
| | 13. | Nole, meat, | 1 95 |
| | | Mrs. Rogers, ten washings, | 10 00 |
| | | Tobacco, | 50 |
| | | Mrs. Balcome, soap, | 1 00 |
| Mar. | 6. | Charles Buxton, chopping wood, | 22 70 |
| | 11. | Peter Jarvis, chopping wood, | 13 15 |
| | | Edgar Parker, chopping wood, | 31 65 |
| | 25. | Aldrich, grinding, | 75 |
| | | George M. Wallis, sawing, | 76 |
| Apr. | 10. | W. E. Jones, repairs. etc., | 75 |
| | | Strainer and cap, | 45 |
| | | Screen for doors, etc. | 2 14 |
| | | W. R. Wallis, barbed wire and three hoes, | 4 18 |
| | | S. Brown, repairs on harnesses, | 7 50 |
| | 30. | Walter Putnam, one mo. labor, | 15 00 |
| May | 1. | Fred Chapell, bbl. flour, | 5 25 |
| | 7. | Pascoag baker, bread and crackers, | 8 65 |
| | 8. | Repairing shoes, | 1 50 |
| | | Walter Putnam, one mo. work, | 15 00 |
| | 28. | Augustus Morse, two chains and two iron bars, | 3 64 |
| | | S. Russell, tinct. rhubarb, | 20 |
| June | 3. | Whitewashing, | 1 00 |
| | | Miss Benson, soap, | 50 |
| | | Tobacco, | 25 |
| | | Tomato plants, | 40 |
| | 15. | Mrs. Thompson, sewing for the poor, | 1 20 |
| | | P. Green, car fare, | 35 |
| | 29. | Walter Putnam, one months labor, | 15 00 |
| July | 1. | Machine oil, | 35 |

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| July | 1. | Babson, fish, | \$4 36 |
| | | Chase, strawberries, | 3 34 |
| | | C. Titus, labor, | 7 00 |
| | | Tobacco, | 50 |
| | 6. | Pascoag baker, | 28 55 |
| Aug. | 1. | Walter Putnam, labor, | 15 00 |
| | 5. | S. Russell, medicine, | 4 90 |
| | 6. | W. E. Jones, hardware, | 2 30 |
| | | Mrs. Rogers, ten washings, | 10 00 |
| | | J. M. Rawson, paint, | 60 |
| | | Spiral spring, | 50 |
| | 10. | Standing grass in cemetery, | 2 00 |
| | | Eighteen rolls fincite (explosive), | 2 54 |
| | | Twelve and one-half lbs. English steel, | 2 00 |
| | | Fifty feet fuse, | 25 |
| Sept. | 21. | Edgar Parker, cable chain, | 2 50 |
| | | Shaw, soft drag plank, | 2 50 |
| | | W. E. Jones, bolts, | 50 |
| | | Walter Putnam, three weeks labor, | 10 75 |
| | 16. | C. P. Brown, repairs on harnesses, | 3 00 |
| | | Tobacco, | 25 |
| | 17. | Babson, fish, | 3 13 |
| Oct. | 8. | C. P. Brown, collar pads, | 1 25 |
| | | Napoleon Pluff, repairs on chains, | 3 00 |
| | 11. | All. Keith, seven weeks labor, | 25 75 |
| | | Miss Bugbee, soap, | 50 |
| | | Bottle liniment, | 50 |
| | 12. | Pint whiskey Mrs. Conley, | 50 |
| | 16. | Dudley, oysters, | 1 40 |
| | | David Keith, cranberries, | 50 |
| | 20. | Mrs. Balcome, washing powder, | 80 |
| | | Mrs. Manahan, spices, | 95 |
| | 26. | C. Titus, labor, | 10 25 |
| 1898. | | | |
| Jan'y | 1. | Tobacco, | 1 25 |
| | 7. | Fred R. Caswell, butchering, | 1 50 |
| | 8. | Grinding corn, | 1 00 |
| | 18. | Mrs. Rogers, twenty one washings, | 21 00 |
| | 28. | Tobacco, | 25 |
| | 31. | All. Keith, labor six weeks, | 17 70 |
| Feb'y | | Tobacco, | 25 |
| | | Dudley, clams, | 30 |
| | | Oysters, | 40 |
| | | Babson, fish, | 1 60 |

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| Feb. | Mrs. Manahan, spices, | \$ | 85 |
| | Vanilla, | | 25 |
| 9. | Aldrich, grinding, | | 85 |
| | Rye meal, | | 25 |
| | Babson, fish, | | 2 00 |
| 10. | Tobacco, | | 1 00 |
| | H. T. Barton, sharpening drills, | | 2 00 |
| 11. | S. Russell, medicine, six mo. | | 11 00 |
| | W. E. Jones, explosives, | | 1 92 |
| | Doz. milk pans, | | 2 75 |
| | Repairs, | | 40 |
| | Two hitch chains, | | 50 |
| | Halter, | | 25 |
| | Rope, | | 35 |
| | Latch and staples, | | 14 |
| | Two Dampers, | | 50 |
| | Stove back, | | 75 |
| 24. | A. J. Dudley, groceries, | | 9 59 |
| | H. N. Logee, shoeing and repairs, | | 19 80 |
| 28. | Mrs. Rogers, six washings, | | 6 00 |
| | C. P. Brown, two blankets and repairs, | | 5 75 |
| | A. J. Dudley, bread and cookies, | | 8 20 |
| | C. Sweet, filing saws, | | 1 50 |
| | Chas. H. Hilton, labor, | | 1 06 |
| | J. M. Rawson, plow, | | 15 00 |
| Aug. 16. | Pascoa baker, | | 7 75 |
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| | | | \$474 38 |
| Cash in hands of Supt. March 1, 1898, | | | 64 16 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| | | | \$538 54 |

The Overseers have paid the following bills on town farm account.

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| 1897. | | | |
| Apr. 5. | C. G. Sibley, to April 1st, | \$75 | 00 |
| 6. | F. R. Caswell, meat account Mar. 1, '97, | 40 | 37 |
| | Fire extinguisher, | 13 | 50 |
| | Dr. E. Sterling, for Samiter, | 2 | 00 |
| 30. | Suit of clothes for Samiter, | 9 | 50 |
| May 1. | C. G. Sibley, board of A. Gove, | 5 | 00 |
| Apr. 10. | Dr. E. Sterling, medicine Mrs. Jones, | 50 | |

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| June | 1. | F. R. Caswell, meat acct., | \$25 29 |
| | 24. | Dr. E. Sterling, medicine Mrs. Jones, | 1 00 |
| July | 3. | C. G. Sibley, to July 1st, | 75 00 |
| Aug. | 5. | Suel E. Chase, for one cow, | 33 00 |
| Sept. | 1. | E. C. Parker, two tons fertilizer, | 64 00 |
| Aug. | 31. | Dr. E. Sterling, for Green, | 6 50 |
| | | For Bridget Lee, | 5 00 |
| | | For Mrs. Jones, | 50 |
| Oct. | 5. | Pascoag baker, | 10 90 |
| | 7. | C. G. Sibley, to Oct. 1st, | 75 00 |
| Nov. | 16. | Pascoag baker, | 7 20 |
| | 18. | Frank C. Smith, labor, | 7 50 |
| | | Dr. Clark, for Green, | 50 |
| Sept. | 3. | Dr. E. Sterling, for Bridget Lee, | 1 00 |
| | | For Mrs. Jones, | 8 50 |
| Jan. | 6. | C. G. Sibley, to Jan. 1, 1898, | 75 00 |
| | 11. | T. J. Murphy, meat acct., | 10 00 |
| Feb. | 4. | Pascoag baker, | 8 50 |
| | 12. | Dr. E. Sterling, for Mrs. Jones, | 5 55 |
| | 25. | W. R. Wallis, seed, etc., | 31 64 |
| | 28. | O. F. Chase, seed sower, | 4 50 |
| | | Repairs on mowing machine, | 72 |
| | | S. Russell, medicine Bridget Lee, | 1 05 |
| | | Medicine Preserved Green, | 2 15 |
| | | Dr. Sterling, for Mrs. Jones, | 2 00 |
| | | Cash E. N. Jenckes, on acct., | 67 20 |
| | | Cash S. F. Root & Co., on acct., | 63 06 |
| | | John Condon, on acct., | 40 00 |
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| | | | \$778 13 |

Summary.

The Overseers of the Poor make the Town Farm debtor to what has been paid out and for approved bills now due, as follows :

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| Charles E. Sibley, Supt., has paid for supplies as per this report, | \$474 38 |
| The Overseers have paid as per this report, | 778 13 |
| Bills now due for supplies, | |
| E. N. Jenckes, | 125 00 |
| S. F. Root & Co., | 125 00 |

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| John Condon, | \$50 00 |
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| | \$1,552 51 |
| Supt. has rec'd for labor, produce, etc., | \$538 54 |
| Increase of personal property at almshouse, | 149 54 |
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| Cost for support of poor at almshouse, | \$864 43 |
| Number of weeks board of poor, | 409 |
| Cost per week, | \$2 12 |

| Inmates at almshouse, | Age, | Weeks Board. |
|-----------------------|------|------------------|
| Nancy Jones, | 74 | 52 |
| Bridget Lee, | 75 | 29 |
| Ellen Thayer, | 39 | 52 |
| Rhoda Hill, | 84 | 52 |
| Rosina Conley, | 82 | 52 |
| Preserved Green, | 84 | 52 |
| Charles Samiter, | 22 | 52 |
| James Wilson, | 67 | 4 |
| Augustus Morse, | 71 | 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Ira Arnold, | 44 | 6 |
| Peter Signett, | | 39 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Rose Doyle, | | 1 |
| Tramps fed, | | 1—409 |

Miscellaneous Accounts.

| | | |
|----------|---|--------|
| 1897. | | |
| Mar. 29. | Cash for record book, | \$1 25 |
| Apr. 5. | Bill file, stamps, etc., | 1 60 |
| | Paid W. P. Wight, amt. due as per report | |
| | last year, | 2 26 |
| May 6. | Stamps, | 1 00 |
| | Samuel Hobbs & Co., bill heads, | 50 |
| June 1. | Envelopes, | 58 |
| 30. | A. F. Jones, time and expense to Boston, | |
| | for state poor, | 5 00 |
| Aug. 25. | Samuel Hobbs & Co., record book, | 7 00 |
| 18. | Stamps and stationary, | 2 15 |
| Oct. 1. | C. J. Batcheller, for two order books, | 3 00 |
| Nov. 29. | A. E. Jones, expense to Boston, for state | |
| | poor, | 2 00 |
| Dec. 28. | Stamps, | 1 00 |

1898.

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| Jan'y 4. | A. F. Jones, time and expense to Boston, state bills, | \$5 00 |
| 10. | E. C. Parker, setting stone bounds to town farm, | 1 50 |
| Feb. 28. | Dr. E. Sterling, medicine, | 55 |
| | Stamps and stationery, | 1 15 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$35 54 |

Outside Poor.

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| Mrs. Alice Bates, | \$4 50 |
| Mrs. Frank King, | 25 50 |
| Mrs. Matilda Ladeaux, | 68 00 |
| Mrs. Frazier, | 3 00 |
| Sylvia Wakefield, | 60 00 |
| Mrs. Peter A. Hughes, | 17 44 |
| Mrs. Margaret Duprey, | 48 00 |
| Charles White, | 26 00 |
| Julius Gould, | 158 50 |
| Mrs. George Casey, | 55 75 |
| George F. Haven, | 13 67 |
| Joseph Raferty, | 148 00 |
| Ameda Clutier, | 14 50 |
| Joseph Labell, | 33 43 |
| Thomas Vallier, | 108 81 |
| Mary S. Aldrich, \$24.50, rec'd for goods sold, \$4.57, | 19 93 |
| William B. Metcalf, | 34 00 |
| Joseph Lacourse, | 185 50 |
| Clarke Baker, | 557 49 |
| Napoleon Morse, | 27 02 |
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| | \$1,609 04 |

Lockup Account.

1897.

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|----------|--|---------|
| Apr. 15. | Timothy Wixtead, keeper, | \$25 00 |
| | For six meals, | 1 50 |
| May 1. | C. G. Sibley, for wood last year, | 14 00 |
| Sept. 9. | Timothy Wixtead, repairs and cleaning, | 3 25 |
| Nov. 8. | Keeper, | 25 00 |

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| Feb. 25. | C. G. Sibley, three cords wood, | \$12 00 |
| | Joseph Bowen, glass and filing saws, | 90 |
| 28. | S. F. Root & Co., for supplies, | 11 69 |
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| | | \$93 34 |

Number of tramps cared for, 793

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| Assisted poor of other towns, | |
| Frank Frazier, Fall River, | \$18 50 |
| Francis Ramfrett, Sutton, | 22 00 |
| Rose Doyle, Blackstone, | 9 50 |
| Mrs. Andrew Howard, Sutton, | 72 00 |
| Mrs. Joseph Rivers, Sutton, | 59 83 |
| Katie Budnow, Grafton, | 48 13 |
| Kate Ryal, Northbridge, | 4 95 |
| Amanda Frazier, Fall River, | 6 00 |
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| | \$240 91 |

State Poor.

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| Peter S. Paulson, | \$17 00 |
| Mary Carlson, | 4 75 |
| Charles Snow, | 41 65 |
| Adolph Gardner, | 84 50 |
| Phileman John, | 9 00 |
| John Dufner, | 6 77 |
| John Grindon, | 47 83 |
| Fred Keinner, | 314 83 |
| Reubin Tatoian, | 9 76 |
| Thomas Bradley, | 27 00 |
| Fred Beso, | 6 00 |
| Margaret Leonard, | 660 51 |
| Andrew Johnson, | 15 00 |
| James Ross, | 6 50 |
| Mrs. Adolph Gardiner, | 45 00 |
| J. Bennett, | 7 96 |
| Joseph Laplant, | 18 00 |
| James R. Mills, | 3 00 |
| Peter Kalud, | 10 75 |
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| | \$1,335 81 |

Amount due from the state,
Peter Paulson, \$2 00

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| Charles Lawrance, | \$10 83 | |
| Mary Carlson, | 4 75 | |
| Poke De John, | 6 31 | |
| Francis Prefountain, | 3 00 | |
| Peter Kalud, | 61 00 | |
| Joseph Laplant, | 9 00 | |
| John Gibbons, | 9 00 | |
| Adolph Berg, | 8 00 | |
| Remie Mathews, | 16 50 | |
| Peter Delair, | 6 00 | |
| Joseph Derosia, | 19 25 | |
| George Simons, | 7 79 | |
| J. B. Auge, | 3 55 | |
| Phileman John, | 3 00 | |
| James R. Mills, | 21 50 | |
| John Bennett, | 7 96 | |
| John Dufner, | 2 72 | |
| Adolph Gardner, | 262 70 | |
| Mrs. Adolph Gardner, | 51 00 | |
| Francis Higgins, | 2 00 | |
| John Grindon, | 47 83 | |
| Fred Keinner, | 330 33 | |
| Thomas Bradley, | 27 00 | |
| Fred Beso, | 6 00 | |
| Margaret Leonard, | 708 49 | |
| Andrew Johnson, | 15 00 | |
| James Ross, | 6 50 | |
| Mary Delier, | 5 00 | |
| Reubin Tatoian, | 9 76 | |
| Joseph Laplant, | 17 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,690 77 |
| Due from other towns, | | |
| Rose Doyel, Blackstone, | \$2 00 | |
| Louis F. Ganey, Cambridge, | 15 50 | |
| Francis Ramfrett, Sutton, | 15 00 | |
| Mrs. Joseph Rivers, Sutton, | 59 83 | |
| Katie Budnow, Grafton, | 48 13 | |
| Katie Ryal, Northbridge, | 4 95 | |
| Lydia Malborne, Webster or Dudley, | 33 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$178 41 |

Amount Received for Support of Poor.

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| 1897. | Rec'd from W. E. Jones, Treas. | \$3,000 00 |
| Mar. 27. | Town of Wakefield, | 39 42 |

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| Apr. 13. | Rec'd from Town of Northbridge, | \$15 25 |
| 30. | Sutton, | 6 00 |
| | Sutton, | 3 50 |
| May 13. | City of Fall River, | 194 00 |
| | Fall River, | 6 00 |
| | Fall River, | 12 00 |
| 17. | State, for state poor, | 142 88 |
| June 5. | Selectmen, board of James Wilson, | 61 28 |
| | Selectmen, board of Geo. W. Johnson, | 13 71 |
| 21. | City of Fall River, | 10 00 |
| 22. | Town of Blackstone, | 3 00 |
| Aug. 30. | State, for state poor, | 239 55 |
| Nov. 26. | Town of Blackstone, | 9 50 |
| Dec. 15. | State, for state poor, | 208 75 |
| 24. | Town of Webster, | 5 00 |
| Feb. 5. | Grafton, | 48 13 |
| 15. | Sutton, | 7 00 |
| 21. | Sutton, | 72 00 |
| 28. | State, for state poor, | 4 05 |
| | City of Fall River, | 14 00 |
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| | | \$4,115 02 |

Recapitulation.

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| Paid on acct. of poor at almshouse, | \$778 13 |
| lockup, | 93 34 |
| Paid miscellaneous accounts, | 35 54 |
| Aided poor outside of almshouse, | 1,609 04 |
| of other towns, | 240 91 |
| State poor, | 1,335 81 |
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| | \$4,092 77 |
| Cash in hands of Overseers March 1, 1898, | 22 25 |
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| Amount rec'd for support of poor, | \$4,115 02 |
| Amount due from the state, | 1,690 77 |
| Amount due from other towns, | 178 41 |

The Overseers have rec'd for their services,

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| A. F. Jones, | \$50 00 | |
| W. P. Wight, | 50 00 | |
| O. F. Chase, | 50 00— | \$150 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

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| AARON F. JONES, | } Overseers of Poor. |
| W. P. WIGHT, | |
| ORLAN F. CHASE, | |

Report of the
Commissioner of Roads,
 ON THE
Expenditures on Roads and Bridges,
for Labor and Supplies,
 FOR THE
Year Ending March 1, 1898.

The first part of this report is for labor and supplies, furnished by J. M. Rawson. Superintendent of Highways for year ending March 1, 1897, and not entered on last years account.

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| J. M. Rawson, for labor, | \$17 25 |
| Housing road machine, | 3 00 |
| Two end sections to road machine, | 4 00 |
| Two street hoes, | 1 00 |
| | <hr/> \$25 25 |

Report of ARTHUR F. JONES, Commissioner.

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| Frank Allen, 100 h. | \$15 00 | Guy Balcome, 20 h. | \$3 00 |
| John Austin, 25 h. | 3 75 | Lathrop Bent, 50 h. | 7 50 |
| James Adams, 10 h. | 1 50 | John Boufier, 30 h. | 4 50 |
| Joseph Ashley, 45 h. | 6 75 | Perry Bryant, 127 h. | 19 05 |
| Loring Buffum, 129 h. | 19 35 | W. R. Brown, 10 h. | 1 50 |
| Horse & Cart, 14 h. | 1 75 | Warren Barnes, 9 h. | 1 35 |
| Horses on Cart, 51 h. | 10 20 | Phillip Bruley, 60 h. | 9 00 |

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| Emmet Brown, 44 h. | \$4 40 | Richard Jogerson, 10 h. | \$1 25 |
| Charles Bennett, 114 h. | 17 10 | W. E. Jones, horse & cart, | |
| W. L. Church, 62 h. | 9 30 | 10 h. | 1 25 |
| Horses & cart, 47 h. | 9 40 | Horse on scraper, 40 h. | 6 00 |
| Harold Church, 102 h. | 15 30 | Ed Kelly, 109 h. | 16 35 |
| S. P. Copp, 45 h. | 6 75 | Otis King, 1054 h. | 158 10 |
| Peter Colan, 45 h. | 6 75 | Leon Keith, 112 h. | 16 80 |
| Ed Clark, 208 h. | 31 20 | David Keith, 81 h. | 12 15 |
| Ren Clark, 289 h. | 43 35 | Harry Lunn, 60 h. | 9 00 |
| All Cook, 84 h. | 12 60 | Driving scraper, 40 h. | 7 00 |
| Geo. Conrad, 124 h. | 18 60 | Jo Lacoose, 100 h. | 15 00 |
| G. H. Dudley, 110½ h. | 16 57 | Frank Lambert, 3d. | |
| Horses & cart, 97 h. | 19 40 | 132½ h. | 19 88 |
| 4 Horses on scraper, | | Henry Laflur, 18¾ h. | 2 80 |
| 40 h. | 24 00 | Geo. Leach, 20 h. | 3 00 |
| H. T. Dudley, 70 h. | 10 50 | Andrew Mascier, 215 h. | 32 25 |
| A. J. Dudley, 4 Horses on | | Ike Mellens, 4 h. | 60 |
| scraper, 40 h. | 24 00 | Joseph Moran, 67 h. | 10 05 |
| G. C. Dudley, Driving 4 | | James Martin, 2 h. | 30 |
| horses on scraper, 40 h. | 7 00 | James Murray, 27 h. | 4 05 |
| Putnam Dudley, 20 h. | 3 00 | Chas St Martin, 13 h. | 1 95 |
| Peter Delayer, 85 h. | 12 75 | Ed Neil, 4 h. | 60 |
| Randolph Darling 35 h. | 5 25 | Geo. Nichols, 106 h. | 15 90 |
| Horse & cart, 35 h. | 4 38 | John Otis, 99 h. | 14 85 |
| Willie Elliott, 30 h. | 3 00 | W. E. Putnam, 30 h. | 4 50 |
| George Fairfield, 125 h. | 18 75 | Driving scraper, 40 h. | 7 00 |
| Mitchel Foster, 549 h. | 82 35 | Fred Parker, 30 h. | 4 50 |
| Frank Francis, 74 h. | 11 10 | Walter Putnam, 61 h. | 9 15 |
| John Gough, 15 h. | 2 25 | Driving scraper. 40 h. | 7 00 |
| Lou Gove, 74 h. | 11 10 | Edgar Parker, 86 h. | 12 90 |
| Chas. Hilton, 40 h. | 6 00 | Horses on scraper, 40h. | 12 00 |
| Tom Hodgkins, 352½ h. | 52 87 | Horses on cart, 46 h. | 9 20 |
| John Hoge, 90 h. | 13 50 | Geo. Palmer, 5 h. | 75 |
| Lorris Hannett, 19 h. | 2 85 | Billy Pete, 52 h. | 7 80 |
| Arthur Holbrook, 90 h. | 13 50 | Fred Parks, 70 h. | 10 50 |
| Arthur F. Jones, Comm., | | Nelson Roberts, 125 h. | 18 75 |
| 1252 h. | 250 40 | Wm Reynolds, 249 h. | 37 35 |
| Horses on cart, 1690 h | 338 00 | Geo. Reynolds, 60 h. | 9 00 |
| Horse on cart, 123 h. | 15 38 | Frank Rawson, 50 h. | 7 50 |
| Driving horses, 503 h. | 25 15 | Andrew Roberts, 11 h. | 1 65 |
| Jerome Johnson, 523. | 78 45 | Nelson Roberts, 11 h. | 1 65 |
| Peter Jarvis, 730h. | 109 50 | Jo Roberts, 11 h. | 1 65 |
| Driving scraper, 730 h. | 32 90 | Chas. Reynolds, 107 h. | 16 05 |
| John Jacobs, 35 h. | 5 25 | Daniel Rogers, 5 h. | 75 |
| Aaron F. Jones, | | Jo Roberts, 182 h. | 27 30 |
| Horses & cart, 35 h. | 7 00 | S. P. Rawson, 59¼ h. | 8 89 |
| 4 Horses on scraper, | | Horses, 59¼ h. | 11 85 |
| 178 h. | 106 80 | Jesse B. Sweet, horses & | |
| 3 Horses on scraper, | | cart, 60 h. | 12 00 |
| 40 h. | 18 00 | Dick Shaw, 11 h. | 1 65 |
| Andrew Johnson, 80 h. | 12 00 | Jo Savory, 7 h. | 1 05 |
| Herbert Johnson, 60 h. | 9 00 | F. S. Smith, 5 h. | 75 |
| Henry Jarvis, 40 h. | 6 00 | Mason work, 32½ h. | 8 13 |

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| W. A. Sherman, 10 h. | \$1 50 | Tim Wixtead, 70 h. | \$10 50 |
| Chas. Sibley, 112 h. | 16 80 | G. W. Wallis, 20 h. | 3 00 |
| Horses on scraper, 40 h | 12 00 | Frank Wellman, 35 h. | 5 25 |
| Horses on cart, 61 h. | 12 20 | Horses, 5 h. | 1 00 |
| John Smith, 80 h. | 12 00 | Horse on cart, 20 h. | 2 50 |
| Napoleon Turcott, 20 h. | 2 50 | Lewis Young, 24 h. | 1 80 |
| Cad Titas, 162½ h. | 24 38 | Wellington Young, horse | |
| E. T. Thayer, horses on | | & cart, 10 h. | 1 25 |
| cart, 27 h. | 5 40 | Gasso, 10h. | 1 50 |
| Arthur G. Woodman, | | | |
| carpenter work, 5 h. | 1 00 | | |
| | | | <hr/> \$2,496 05 |

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| Total expense for roads, bridges, and tools | |
| for whole year, | \$2,496 05 |
| Rec'd for old plank, ditch wash, and loom | |
| from new gravel pit, | 14 90 |
| | <hr/> \$2,481 15 |
| Town appropriation, | 2,500 00 |

Prices paid for Labor and Teams.

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| Commissioner, per hour, | 20 cents. |
| Commissioners horse, | 5 |
| Men laborers, | 15 |
| Boy laborers, | 10 to 12½ |
| Horse and cart, | 12½ |
| Two horses and cart, | 20 |
| Two horses on road scraper, | 30 |
| Man driving scraper, | 17½ |
| Oxen and cart, | 20 |

Supplies for Road Machine and Road Tools.

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| Am. Axe & Tool Co., two mattocks, | \$1 50 |
| H. N. Logee, repairs on scraper and sharp- | |
| ening road tools, iron gratings, etc., | 10 57 |
| W. E. Jones, road plow, two sets handles, | 20 00 |
| Two scythes, | 1 50 |
| Scythe snath, (heavy) | 75 |
| Scythe stone, three hoes, and two rakes, | 1 40 |
| Geo. Fairfield, repairing road scraper, | 50 |
| Napoleon Pluff, sharpening picks, | 20 |
| G. M. Wallis, repairs on scraper. | 25 |
| Walter Fairfield, four drills, | 1 00 |
| Arthur F. Jones, housing road machine, | 2 00 |
| W. E. Jones, three shovels, | 2 70 |
| | <hr/> \$42 37 |

Supplies for Bridges and Railings.

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| Clarence H. Batcheller, 20 fence posts, | \$2 00 | |
| W. E. Heyward & Co., tubing for posts, | 3 00 | |
| Walter Parker, 1,000 ft. 2 in. chestnut plank, | 16 00 | |
| W. E. Jones, nails, spikes, etc., | 3 91 | |
| Henry Wright, stock and painting railing, | 1 75 | |
| A. J. Thayer, 25 fence posts, | 2 00 | |
| W. R. Wallis, 780 ft. chestnut plank 3 in. | 14 04 | |
| 80 ft. fence pole, | 80 | |
| Plank, | 1 00 | |
| Posts, fence boards and planks, | 7 22 | |
| Napoleon Pluff, irons for gratings, | 90 | |
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For Gravel and Blasting.

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| Mrs. Obid Morse, 56 loads of gravel @ 5c. | \$2 80 | |
| Jack Brown, 13 | 65 | |
| A. F. Jones, 121 | 6 05 | |
| Chas. Sibley, 72 | 3 60 | |
| Reynolds, 20 | 1 00 | |
| Willard Whipple, 31 | 1 55 | |
| Napoleon Gurtin, 125 | 6 00 | |
| W. R. Wallis, 17 | 85 | |
| Jesse B. Sweet, 2 | 10 | |
| A. F. Brown, 53 | 2 65 | |
| H. G. Dudley, 25 | 1 25 | |
| A. J. Thayer, 52 | 2 60 | |
| L. A. Buffum, 47 | 2 35 | |
| W. L. Church, 40 | 2 00 | |
| W. E. Jones, dynamite fuse and cartridges | 13 73 | |
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| | | \$47 18 |

Amount of Tools and Supplies on Hand.

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| Two road machines, | \$250 00 |
| Two bridge stringers, | 10 00 |
| Two mattocks, | 1 50 |
| Eighteen shovels, | 13 50 |
| Seven snow shovels, | 3 10 |
| One post spade, | 50 |
| Four scythe sticks and three scythes, | 6 00 |
| Two steel bars, | 3 00 |
| One manure fork, | 75 |

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| Twelve stone picks, | \$6 00 |
| One stone rake, | 50 |
| Seven picks, | 3 50 |
| Four hoes, | 1 00 |
| Two mason hoes, | 1 50 |
| Fourteen drills, | 2 50 |
| Four lanterns, | 2 60 |
| One-half bbl. cement, | 63 |
| One trowel, | 75 |
| One plow, | 15 00 |
| 180 ft. 3 in. chestnut plank @ 18c. | 3 24 |
| 120 ft 2 in. " " @ 16c. | 1 92 |
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| | \$327 49 |

Main Street Ditch, 1897.

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| Arthur F. Jones, 155 h. | \$31 00 | Peter Delayer, 25 h. | \$3 75 |
| Horses, 145 h. | 29 00 | Joseph Tatro, 20 h. | 3 00 |
| Horse on scrape, 5 h. | 63 | John Austin, 4 h. | 60 |
| Otis King, 10 h. | 1 50 | A. F. Jones, horses, 4 h. | 80 |
| Mitchel Foster, 16 h. | 2 40 | Chas. Reynolds, 3 h. | 45 |
| Jerome Johnson, 10 h. | 1 50 | Ren Clark, 3 h. | 45 |
| Tom Hodgkins, 105 h. | 15 75 | W. R. Wallis, 2 bbl. cement. 2 | 50 |
| Peter Jarvis Jr. 122 h. | 18 30 | H. N. Logee, Sharpening | |
| Warren Barnes, 1 h. | 15 | picks, drills &c. | 3 55 |
| Jo Roberts, 140 h. | 21 00 | Man hole covering. | 4 40 |
| Andrew Mascier, 40 h. | 6 00 | Freight on same. | 60 |
| John Harrington, 60 h. | 9 00 | Setting covering. | 3 00 |
| John Peterson, 70 h. | 10 50 | W. E. Jones, lead & charcoal. 50 | |
| John Jacobs, 92½ h. | 13 87 | Dipper, | 20 |
| Henry Howard, 70 h. | 10 50 | Dynamite, | 50 |
| Isaac Iseral, 30 h. | 4 50 | Trowel, | 75— 1 45 |
| Chas. Johnson, 80 h. | 12 00 | Wm. H. Emerson, stone for | |
| Richard Bruley, 50 h. | 17 50 | man hole. | 3 00 |
| John Sullivan, 40 h. | 6 00 | Am. Axe & Tool Co., 2 pick | |
| Albert McDonald, 20 h. | 3 00 | handles, | 50 |
| Jas. Foster, 40 h. | 6 00 | Geo. Gleason, sharpening | |
| John Poquett, 50 h. | 7 50 | drills. | 15 |
| Fred Benway, 62 h. | 10 85 | James Mason, K. oil. | 50 |
| Jo Poquett, 62 h. | 10 85 | Lighting & caring for | |
| Lewis Plant, 40 h. | 6 00 | lanterns. | 2 00 |
| John Eagan, 10 h. | 1 50 | | |
| John Gerard, 5 h. | 75 | | |
| Albert Terrier, 9 h. | 1 35 | | |
| Phillip Bebo, 20 h. | 3 00 | | |
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| | | Town Appropriation, | \$293 10 |
| | | | 300 00 |

Snow Roads.

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| Arthur Jones, Comm. 27 h. | \$5 40 | Fremont Arnold, 5 h. | 75 |
| Horses, 71 h. | 14 20 | Manchaug Co., Men and | |
| Horse, 13 h. | 1 30 | teams, | 5 00 |
| James Dermody, | 9 00 | Wilson Emerson, 7h. | 1 05 |
| Henry Wilson, 40 h. | 6 00 | John Bates, 30 h. | 4 50 |
| Alec Johnson, 40 h. | 6 00 | Myron Chase, 22 h. | 3 30 |
| Peter Jarvis Jr., 41 h. | 6 15 | Oxen, 15 h. | 3 00 |
| Theodore Bush, 10 h. | 1 50 | Orson Chase, 17 h. | 2 55 |
| Phillip Gasso, 50 h. | 7 50 | Sewell Chase, 20 h. | 3 00 |
| Frank Gasso, 30 h. | 4 50 | Sumner Hinden, 13½ h. | 2 03 |
| Will Kelly, 15 h. | 2 25 | Henry Hinden, 13½ h. | 2 03 |
| Frank Gurtin, 4 h. | 50 | Richard Shaw, 6½ h. | 97 |
| Ed Kelly, 5 h. | 75 | Jas. Kitterage, 6½ h. | 97 |
| Frank Smith, 10 h. | 1 50 | Alfred Dupont, 20 h. | 3 00 |
| Frank Hutchinson, 8 h. | 1 20 | Horses, 10 h. | 2 00 |
| Mitchel Foster, 8 h. | 1 20 | Frank Lucien, 10 h. | 1 50 |
| George Scymore, 13 h. | 1 95 | John McGrath, 5 h. | 75 |
| Perry Bryant, 20 h. | 3 00 | William McGrath, 5 h. | 75 |
| James Wixtead, 7 h. | 1 05 | Joseph McGrath, 5 h. | 75 |
| Frank Kenyon, 18 h. | 2 70 | Gilbert Roberts, 18 h. | 2 70 |
| Lewis Noles, 13 h. | 1 95 | Napoleon Roberts, 18 h. | 2 70 |
| Alec Ritchie, 8 h. | 1 20 | Oliver Roberts, 14 h. | 2 10 |
| L. A. Buffum, 15 h. | 2 25 | Andrew Roberts, 14 h. | 2 10 |
| Lewis Staples, 11 h. | 1 65 | 4 Horses, 4 h. | 1 60 |
| George Nichols, 6 h. | 90 | Wm. Jarvis, 13 h. | 1 95 |
| W. F. Young, 9 h. | 1 35 | Peter Jarvis, 13 h. | 1 95 |
| Horses, 9 h. | 1 80 | Wm. Stone, 13 h. | 1 95 |
| Lewis Young, 8 h. | 80 | Chas. Bellevance, 13 h. | 1 95 |
| W. R. Wallis, 3 men & 4 | | Chas. Noles, 20 h. | 3 00 |
| horses, | 4 50 | Horse, 20 h. | 2 00 |
| S. P. Rawson, 29 h. | 4 35 | Thomas Noles, 10 h. | 1 50 |
| Horses, 21 h. | 4 20 | Ambrose Noles, 15 h. | 2 25 |
| R. Bosmar, 17 h. | 2 55 | Moses Parant, 10 h. | 1 50 |
| Walter Thompson, & | | Alfred Casey, 20 h. | 3 00 |
| horses, | 1 00 | Joseph Frazier, 17 h. | 2 25 |
| Lewis Lavaley, 20 h. | 3 00 | Lewis Rabeau, 12 h. | 1 80 |
| Harley Barton, 15 h. | 2 25 | Lewis Rabeau, Jr. | 1 80 |
| George Scroggie, 14½ h. | 2 18 | Edward Rabeau, 12 h. | 1 80 |
| L. N. Davis, 20 h. | 3 00 | Peter Rabeau, 12 h. | 1 80 |
| Chas. Gazette, 8 h. | 1 20 | George Rabeau, 12 h. | 1 80 |
| Major Benson, 10 h. | 1 50 | Horse, 4 h. | 40 |
| Edrastus Chase, 10 h. | 1 50 | Ed Burke, 19 h. | 2 85 |
| Alphondo Chase, 10 h. | 1 50 | Peter Pennell, 19 h. | 2 85 |
| Henry Chase, 7 h. | 1 05 | Phillip Reynolds, 6 h. | 90 |
| Oxen, 5 h. | 1 00 | Horses, 6 h. | 1 20 |
| Arthur Holbrook, 10 | 1 50 | John Davis, 7½ h. | 94 |
| Orlan Chase, 10 h. | 1 50 | John Tiff, 7½ h. | 94 |
| Horses, 10 h. | 2 00 | F. H. Paine, 15 h. | 2 25 |
| Man, 10 h. | 1 50 | E. G. Paine, 15 h. | 2 25 |
| W. W. Smith, 5 h. | 75 | P. W. Wiggin, 15 h. | 2 25 |
| Horses, 5 h. | 1 00 | Jesse Johnson, 15 h. | 2 25 |

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| F. G. Paine, 10 h. | \$1 00 | John F. Dolbeare, 9 h. | \$1 35 |
| Wm. Sanborn, 3 h. | 45 | Lafayette Taft, 33 h. | 4 95 |
| Sam Hall, 3 h. | 45 | Horse, 7 h. | 70 |
| Horses, 3 h. | 60 | W. L. Church, 16 h. | 2 40 |
| Jas. Blanchard, 10 h. | 1 50 | Harold Church, 16 h. | 2 40 |
| Sam Cavana, 10 h. | 1 50 | Frank Wellman, 16 h. | 2 40 |
| Ed Lambert, 5 h. | 75 | George Parker, 9 h. | 1 35 |
| Horses, 5 h. | 1 00 | F. J. Lindberg, 9 h. | 1 35 |
| Frank Lambert, 3d. 5 h. | 75 | Guy Balcome, 9 h. | 1 35 |
| Chas. Sibley, 24 h. | 3 60 | George Lindberg, 9 h. | 1 08 |
| Horses, 24 h. | 4 80 | Edmund Lindberg, 9 h. | 1 08 |
| Gifford Dudley, 8½ h. | 1 27 | G. M. Bridge, 2 h. | 30 |
| 4 horses, 24 h. | 9 60 | Frank Wellman, horses 8 h. | 1 60 |
| Moses Balcome, 24 h. | 3 60 | W. L. Church, horses, 5 h. | 1 00 |
| Frank Copp, 24 h. | 3 60 | G. H. Dudley, 25 h. | 3 75 |
| Frank Manahan, 8½ h. | 1 27 | 4 Horses, 25 h. | 10 00 |
| C. Titus, 15½ h. | 2 32 | A. P. Dudley, 25 h. | 3 75 |
| L. Keith, 3 h. | 45 | Leon Keith, 25 h. | 3 75 |
| Everett Brown, 15½ h. | 2 32 | George Wallis, 25 h. | 3 75 |
| Fred Parks, 9 h. | 1 35 | Richard Jorgerson, 20 h. | 3 00 |
| Dan Rogers, 10 h. | 1 50 | Jo Ashy, 10 h. | 1 50 |
| W. J. Peters, 16 h. | 2 40 | Mr. Corbin, 19 h. | 2 85 |
| Horses, 5 h. | 1 00 | Edward Buxton, 19 h. | 2 85 |
| H. A. Peters, 16 h. | 2 40 | William Peek, 19 h. | 2 85 |
| Geo. Caravan, 15 h. | 2 25 | Jesse Thompson, 2½ h. | 38 |
| Chas. Green, 18 h. | 2 70 | E. C. Parker, 6 h. | 90 |
| A. J. Dudley, 4 horses 5 h. | 2 00 | Horses, 6 h. | 1 20 |
| G. C. Dudley, 5 h. | 75 | Walter Buxton, 6 h. | 90 |
| Frank Copp, 5 h. | 75 | W. E. Jones, 7 snow | |
| Frank Manahan, 5 h. | 75 | shovels, | 3 10 |
| Ed Buxton, 5 h. | 75 | W. E. Hayward & Co., | |
| W. Peek, 5 h. | 75 | Men and Teams, | 2 40 |
| Jos. Richardson, 5 h. | 75 | C. S. Caswell & men, | 1 20 |
| Marvel Southwick, 37 h. | 5 55 | W. L. Church, 4 h. | 60 |
| V. T. Esten, 30 h. | 4 50 | | |
| Willis C. Thayer, 30 h. | 4 50 | | \$380 88 |

Approved, March 5, 1898,

GEORGE ABBOTT, Auditor.

In concluding I wish to state, it has been my ambition to keep the expenditures within the appropriation made by the town, and owing to the energy and good will of help employed and the work done by the several assistants appointed, Messrs. G. H. Dudley, Geo. Fairfield, L. A. Buffum, S. P. Rawson, Chas. Sibley, and W. L. Church, it has been done with a small margin left, (which fact has not been very generally practiced in the last three years).

More money appropriated for roads will give us better roads and owing to the great and increasing amount of bicycle travel, the tax levied upon bicycles, and the prohibiting of riding on sidewalks, harder and smoother roads are naturally demanded.

In looking into the future for another year, with the possibility of a mile or two of state road running through our village, the passing of a state law requiring wider tires on heavy team wagons, I think we may truthfully say the prospect is bright for better roads.

ARTHUR F. JONES, Road Commissioner.

☞ The first part of this report commencing March 1, 1897 to March 15, 1897.

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| Commissioner, 44 h. | 8 80 | |
| Commissioners horse, 29 h. | 1 45 | |
| E. T. Rawson, 26 h. | 3 90 | |
| Oxen, 5 h. | 1 00 | |
| H. E. Wright, 2 h. | 30 | |
| C. G. Sibley, 8 h. | 1 20 | |
| Horse, 3 h. | 60— | \$17 25 |

J. M. RAWSON, Commissioner of Roads.

Report of
A. F. Jones Agent,
On the Devise of Moses Wallis,
To the Town of Douglas,
For the Year Ending March 1, 1898.

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| The Agent charges himself with notes due the town | |
| March 1, 1897, | \$19,717 66 |
| Accrued interest, | 1,582 57 |
| Cash in hands of Agent, | 1,819 07 |
| | <hr/> \$23,119 30 |

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| 1897. | | | |
| Mar. | 1. | Cash on hand, | \$1,819 07 |
| | 13. | Rec'd of Margaret F. Brown, | 12 00 |
| | 17. | Albert Whipple, | 12 00 |
| | 27. | George Barnes, | 468 30 |
| | 27. | Mary A. Reynolds, | 15 00 |
| | 27. | Michael Ogee, | 18 00 |
| | 29. | Louisa M. Dorr, | 12 00 |
| Apr. | 2. | John H. Gough, | 4 00 |
| | 7. | Joseph Bassett, | 30 00 |
| | 5. | Interest on deposits, | 6 32 |
| | 15. | Rufus P. Johnson, | 238 27 |
| | 30. | R. T. Lesperance, | 20 75 |

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| May | 4. | Rec'd of Mrs. O. C. Emerson, | \$18 00 |
| | 10. | Herbert L. Sherman, | 30 00 |
| | 13. | John Vallier, | 18 00 |
| June | 25. | Joseph Bassett, | 505 80 |
| July | 7. | E. T. Thayer, | 24 00 |
| | 7. | Michael Roberts, | 5 26 |
| | 10. | Johanna Rawson, | 12 00 |
| | 21. | Anson Ingraham, | 30 00 |
| Aug. | 9. | Frank E. Wellman, | 12 00 |
| | 10. | Joseph T. Arnold, | 10 00 |
| | 10. | James Wixtead, | 6 00 |
| | 27. | Daniel S. Buxton, | 12 00 |
| | 30. | George Roberts, | 6 00 |
| Sept. | 1. | John D. Darling, | 18 00 |
| | 6. | Peter Jarvis, | 10 00 |
| | 6. | Louisa Jarvis, | 14 00 |
| | 13. | George Roberts, | 3 00 |
| | 13. | Susan V. Thayer, | 30 00 |
| | 20. | Joseph Laboo, | 24 00 |
| | 20. | Joseph Laboo, | 100 00 |
| | 27. | Mary A. Reynolds, | 6 00 |
| | 4. | B. F. Aldrich, | 30 00 |
| | 22. | Mary E. Keith, | 520 58 |
| | 23. | Michael Roberts, | 89 14 |
| | 25. | Preserved Alger, | 6 00 |
| | 25. | A. F. Jones, for Aaron Aldrich farm, | 300 00 |
| Nov. | 2. | Potter M. Bates, | 9 00 |
| | 4. | Rebecca Morse, | 550 50 |
| Dec. | 1. | Michael Ogee, | 18 00 |
| | 9. | Eva Maxim, | 6 00 |
| | 9. | Albert Whipple, | 12 00 |
| | 13. | Herbert L. Sherman, | 250 00 |
| | 17. | L. S. Whipple, | 24 00 |
| | 18. | L. S. Whipple, | 6 00 |
| | 18. | Vesta H. Balcome, | 7 50 |
| | 23. | Louis Terrier, | 24 00 |
| | 31. | Nancy Nole, | 20 00 |
| 1898. | | | |
| Jan. | 3. | Sarah Dufo, | 12 00 |
| | 5. | Herbert L. Sherman, | 270 41 |
| | 7. | Alvin H. Brown, | 30 00 |

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| Jan. | 8. | Rec'd of J. T. Arnold, | \$10 00 |
| | 11. | Mary J. Murphy, | 19 80 |
| | 22. | Ira T. Robbins, | 9 00 |
| | 24. | Joseph Laboo, | 100 00 |
| | 26. | Anson Ingraham, | 520 42 |
| | 27. | O. F. Rawson, | 12 00 |
| | 27. | Allen Buxton, | 111 00 |
| | 29. | Salina Casey, | 30 00 |
| Feb. | 19. | Willard Whipple, | 27 00 |
| | 23. | Mary J. Willis, | 30 00 |
| | 23. | John Vallier, | 18 00 |
| | 25. | S. P. Rawson, | 30 00 |
| | 26. | Joseph T. Arnold, | 10 00 |
| | 28. | Harriet C. Caswell, | 12 00 |
| | 28. | Phebe Young, | 35 00 |
| | 28. | A. F. Brown, | 30 00 |
| | 28. | E. M. Southwick, | 30 00 |
| | 28. | John H. Gough, | 25 00 |
| | 28. | Fred R. Caswell, | 24 00 |
| | 28. | Emma J. Brown, | 9 00 |
| | | New England Trust Company, interest on deposits to Dec. 25, 1897, | 40 53 |
| | | | <hr/> \$6,867 65 |

The Agent has loaned and paid out, as follows:

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| Mar. | 11. | Recording mortgage, | \$1 00 |
| | 27. | Discharging mortgage, | 25 |
| Apr. | 5. | Cash for record book, | 50 |
| | 5. | Envelopes and stamps, | 1 00 |
| May | 13. | Loaned Maria C. Wood, | 100 00 |
| June | 25. | Discharging mortgage, | 25 |
| July | 31. | Paid tax on devise, | 304 52 |
| Aug. | 23. | Stamps, | 1 00 |
| Oct. | 22. | Discharging mortgage, | 25 |
| | 23. | Loaned Alexander Ritchie, | 200 00 |
| | 23. | Recording mortgage, | 1 00 |
| | 27. | William Abbott, for foreclosing mortgage on Aaron Aldrich farm, | 10 00 |
| | 27. | J. M. Rawson, Auctioneer, | 2 00 |
| | 26. | Loaned David & Amos Lunn, | 500 00 |

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| Oct. 26. | Recording mortgage, | \$1 00 |
| Nov. 8. | Discharging mortgage, | 25 |
| 9. | Loaned Emma Hannant, | 200 00 |
| 9. | Recording mortgage, | 1 10 |
| 22. | Stamps, | 1 00 |
| Dec. 27. | Loaned Frank LaFrancis, | 150 00 |
| 1898. | | |
| Jan. 5. | Discharging mortgage, | 25 |
| 26. | " " | 25 |
| 27. | " " | 25 |
| Feb. 28. | H. D. Wallis, appraiser, | 5 00 |
| 28. | I. S. Balcome, appraiser, | 3 50 |
| 28. | Wm. L. Church, appraiser, | 1 50 |
| Mar. 1. | Agent for services and expenses, | 85 00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,570 87 |

Notes due the Town March 1, 1898.

| Maker of Note. | Paid by | Accrued Int. | Prin. |
|--|---------------------|--------------|----------|
| Joseph F. Arnold, | A. L. Putnum, | \$56 00 | \$400 00 |
| S. P. Rawson, | Zilphia M. Rawson, | 30 75 | 500 00 |
| John Vallier, | | 40 | 300 00 |
| Alvin H. Brown, | A. F. Brown, | 50 00 | 500 00 |
| Adolphus F. Brown, | | 68 00 | 500 00 |
| Thomas Wixtead, | Lizzie Wixtead, | 14 83 | 200 00 |
| O. N. Thurber, | Eliza Williams, | 87 30 | 300 00 |
| Ira T. Robbins, | F. C. McCormick, | 10 50 | 150 00 |
| James McCormick, | John H. Gough, | 66 50 | 350 00 |
| Joel Glover, | Sarah Dufo, | 2 93 | 200 00 |
| Phebe Young, | W. F. Young, | 30 67 | 500 00 |
| Amos A. Humes, | Nancy Nole, | 41 83 | 350 00 |
| Margaret Stearns, | Mrs. O. C. Emerson, | 16 50 | 300 00 |
| Mary J. Willis, | | 18 17 | 500 00 |
| Louisa Jarvis, | | 6 60 | 100 00 |
| Michael Ogee, | | 15 45 | 300 00 |
| Mary J. Murphy, | | 13 31 | 330 00 |
| Russell M. Peters, | | 53 00 | 250 00 |
| Johanna Rawson, | C. F. Rawson, | 9 30 | 200 00 |
| J. & M. Rivers, | R. L. Lesperance, | 42 00 | 400 00 |
| Amos G. Yates, ins. paid 4.70, int. 54.93, | | 59 63 | 400 00 |
| Vesta H. Balcome, | Wellington Balcome, | 3 63 | 125 00 |
| Potter M. Bates, | John C. F. Bates, | 3 37 | 150 00 |

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|----------------------|------------------|------------|-------------|
| Charles H. Hilton, | | \$24 40 | \$200 00 |
| Margaret F. Brown, | | 11 33 | 200 00 |
| Joseph Laboo, | Agustus Willett, | 7 40 | 200 00 |
| Frank Duval, | | 27 20 | 300 00 |
| Louis Terrier, | | 5 00 | 400 00 |
| Sarah H. Paine, | | 24 50 | 200 00 |
| Salina Casey, | | 33 00 | 500 00 |
| Susan V. Thayer, | | 25 42 | 500 00 |
| Daniel S. Buxton, | Nancy Anderson. | 11 00 | 200 00 |
| George Roberts, | | 8 00 | 150 00 |
| John D. Darling, | | 15 00 | 300 00 |
| Chas. S. Caswell, | | 55 00 | 500 00 |
| Harriet C. Caswell, | | 10 00 | 200 00 |
| Mary M. Gough, | | 22 33 | 100 00 |
| E. M. Southwick, | G. M. Bridge, | 47 50 | 500 00 |
| Emma J. Brown, | | 4 12 | 150 00 |
| Albert Whipple, | | 3 10 | 200 00 |
| Eva Maxim, | | 1 40 | 100 00 |
| Peter Jarvis, | | 13 10 | 150 00 |
| Mary A. Reynolds, | | 13 75 | 250 00 |
| James Wixtead, | | 7 75 | 100 00 |
| Fred R. Caswell, | | 11 00 | 200 00 |
| Frank E. Wellman, | | 10 17 | 200 00 |
| Willard Whipple, | | 14 40 | 450 00 |
| Mary A. Reynolds, | | 2 30 | 100 00 |
| Preserved Alger, | | 2 06 | 100 00 |
| Oscar C. Rawson, | Louisa M. Dorr, | 1 16 | 200 00 |
| E. T. Thayer, | | 22 67 | 400 00 |
| B. F. Aldrich, | | 26 66 | 500 00 |
| L. S. Whipple, | | 10 17 | 500 00 |
| Frank Duval, | | 8 34 | 125 00 |
| Maria C. Wood, | | 4 75 | 100 00 |
| Alexander Ritchie, | | 4 33 | 200 00 |
| David and Amos Lunn, | | 10 17 | 500 00 |
| Emma Hannant, | | 3 63 | 200 00 |
| Frank La Francis, | | 1 50 | 150 00 |
| James P. Millard, | | 24 00 | 400 00 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,228 28 | \$17,030 00 |

Recapitulation.

Notes due the town March 1, 1898, \$17,030 00

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| Accrued interest, | \$1,228 28 |
| Cash in hands of Agent, | 5,296 78 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$23,555 06 |
| Value of devise March 1, 1897, | 23,119 30 |
| | <hr/> |
| Net gain for the year, | \$435 76 |
| The net earnings of the devise has been, | \$756 09 |
| The loss on Aaron Aldrich mortgage was, | 320 33 |
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| | \$435 76 |

All of which is respectfully submitted,

AARON F. JONES, Agent.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

The Free Public Library.

Report of Treasurer.

| | | DR. |
|----------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 1897. | | |
| Mar. 1. | To cash in town treasury, | \$251 04 |
| June 2. | rec'd fines and catalogues, | 2 31 |
| Sept. 7. | fines and catalogues, | 96 |
| Dec. 3. | fines and catalogues, | 85 |
| 1898. | | |
| Feb. 28. | fines and catalogues, | 3 53 |
| | dog fund, | 301 26 |
| | library entertainment, | 70 41 |
| | | <hr/> \$630 36 |

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| 1897. | | |
| June 2. | By paid Alice Luther, librarian, | \$20 00 |
| Aug. 3. | three month's rent, | 25 00 |
| | two books, | 1 68 |
| Sept. 2. | Alice Luther, | 20 00 |
| Nov. 11. | for books, | 148 76 |
| | freight and express, | 1 33 |
| | for books, | 35 29 |
| | freight, | 76 |
| | for books, | 2 11 |
| | three month's rent, | 25 00 |
| Dec. 3. | Alice Luther, | 20 00 |
| | “ “ numb'g and cataloging, | 2 30 |
| | wood and matches, | 35 |

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Feb. 28. By paid six month's rent, | \$50 00 |
| 300 reprints of Addendas Nos. 2, | |
| 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, | 24 50 |
| 300 Addendas No. 14, | 6 00 |
| covers and binding full catalogues, | 1 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$384 08 |
| Cash in town treasury, | 246 28 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$630 36 |

C. J. BATCHELLER, Treasurer.

Report of Librarian.

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Whole number of books in library, | 3,394 |
| Number added during the year, | 372 |
| Number issued during the year, | 9,511 |
| Average number issued on Wednesday, | 109 |
| Average number issued on Saturday evening, | 88 |
| Amount of fines for the year, | \$ 6 26 |
| Balance of fines March 1, 1897, | 22 51— \$28 77 |
| Amount collected for fines, | 5 75 |
| Catalogues sold, | 1 90 |
| | <hr/> |
| Paid to treasurer, | \$7 65 |
| Amount collected for fines, | 5 75 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance due March 1, 1898. | \$23 02 |

ALICE E. LUTHER, Librarian.

Town Clerk's Report.

Births.

| | | |
|---------------------|-----|----|
| Whole number, | | 48 |
| males, | 24 | |
| females, | 24— | 48 |
| foreign parentage, | 27 | |
| mixed parentage, | 9 | |
| American parentage, | 12— | 48 |

Marriage.

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----|----|
| Whole number, | | 37 |
| Foreign birth, | 31 | |
| American birth, | 43— | 74 |
| Residents in Douglas, | 35 | |
| Residents elsewhere, | 39— | 74 |
| First marriage, | 59 | |
| Second marriage, | 14 | |
| Fifth marriage, | 1— | 74 |

Deaths.

| | | |
|-----------------|-----|----|
| Whole number, | | 59 |
| males, | 30 | |
| females, | 29— | 59 |
| foreign birth, | 10 | |
| American birth, | 49— | 59 |

| | | | |
|--------|------------------|----|----|
| Number | under 1 year, | 17 | |
| | between 1 and 5, | 7 | |
| | 5 10, | 0 | |
| | 10 20, | 1 | |
| | 20 30, | 4 | |
| | 30 40, | 6 | |
| | 40 50, | 4 | |
| | 50 60, | 1 | |
| | 60 70, | 9 | |
| | 70 80, | 5 | |
| | 80 90, | 5— | 59 |

Dogs Registered.

| | | | |
|------------------|--------------|----------|----------|
| Whole number, | | | 169 |
| Males, | 161 @ \$2.00 | \$322 00 | |
| Females, | 6 @ 5.00 | 30 00 | |
| Females, spayed, | 2 @ 2.00 | 4 00— | \$356 00 |

C. H. BACHELER, Town Clerk.

BY = LAWS
OF THE
Town of Douglas.

ARTICLE I.

TOWN MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. Every warrant for a Town Meeting shall be served by posting attested copies of the same at least ten days before the time of the meeting to be held under it in three public places, as follows : At the Post-Offices at East Douglas and Douglas Centre, and one on the schoolhouse in South Douglas.

SECTION 2. In town meetings, all persons present shall, on request of the moderator, as far as practicable, be seated.

SECTION 3. No motion shall be entertained at an adjourned meeting, for the reconsideration of any vote passed

at the original meeting, or at any adjournment of the same, unless notice of such motion shall have been given at such original meeting, or at any adjournment of the same ; but this by-law may be suspended in any particular case by a vote of three-fourths of those present and voting.

SECTION 4. When any one addresses the Chair, he shall rise and stand uncovered.

SECTION 5. The duties of the presiding officer not specially provided for by law, shall be determined by rules of parliamentary law contained in Cushing's "Manual," so far as they are adapted to town meetings.

ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. The annual Town Meeting shall be held on the third Monday of March in each year.

SECTION 2. The fiscal year, so far as the accounts of the several town officers are concerned, shall close on the first day of March ; and all accounts shall be made up to that time.

SECTION 3. SELECTMEN The Selectmen shall have the general care and custody, direction and management of all the property of the Town, in all matters not otherwise provided for. They shall count the cash belonging to the Town, in the Town Treasurer's possession, and examine and fully verify his bank deposit standing in the name of the Town, on the first day of March each year, and certify to the Town, in their annual report, that they have done so ; and if everything connected therewith is found correct, they shall declare that the amounts agree with

the Treasurer's report regarding the same, or otherwise, as they shall find it.

They shall, in ample time before policies expire, see to the renewal of all fire insurance on the Town's properties, and shall keep such property properly insured.

They shall print the by-laws of the town in full in each annual report of the Town Officers.

SECTION 4. TREASURER. The Town Treasurer shall not use any money or funds belonging to the Town, in the payment of any of his own or any other person's private bills or obligations, nor for any other purpose, except for paying Town notes, interest on Town notes, and the State and County taxes, except on orders signed by at least a majority of the Board of Selectmen.

He shall give no Town notes, except the same are approved and countersigned by at least a majority of the Board of Selectmen. He shall prepare and deliver to the Board of Selectmen, on or before the fifth day of March of each year, a full statement, in detail, of all receipts and payments of money by him as Town Treasurer, showing the balance of his account on the first day of March, with a statement of the property of the Town in his possession, and all notes or other obligations given by him or by his predecessors, and outstanding against the Town on the first day of March of each year, stating to whom each note is payable, when due, and the rate of interest said note or other obligation is drawing. He shall keep all Town notes that have been paid and cancelled, and all cancelled bank checks, and all orders drawn by the Selectmen, and other valuable documents or papers belonging to the Town, or relating to the affairs of the Town in his department, which shall be always subject to the inspection and

examination of the Selectmen ; he shall give his bond within five days after his election, to the Town Clerk for his custody and safe-keeping, which shall first be subject to the approval of the Selectmen endorsed thereon in writing.

SECTION 5. Money belonging to the Town, if deposited by the Treasurer or the agent, on the devise of Moses Wallis, shall be deposited in some bank or Trust Company, allowing interest on daily balances, and the interest on said deposits credited to the town.

ARTICLE III.

CONCERNING TRUANT CHILDREN AND ABSENTEES FROM SCHOOL.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the School Committee of the Town to appoint two suitable persons to be designated as "Truant Officers," who shall, under the direction of said Committee, inquire into all cases coming under this article, and shall alone be authorized, in case of violation thereof, to make complaint and carry into execution the judgment thereof.

Truant officers so appointed shall at all times be subject to removal by the School Committee, and their compensation shall be fixed by the School Committee, and shall be paid from the Treasury of the Town.

SECTION 2. The Worcester County Truant School at West Boylston, Mass., is hereby assigned as the place of confinement, discipline and instruction of persons convicted under the provisions of this article.

SECTION 3. Any child between the ages of seven and fifteen years, who is an habitual truant, or is found wandering about the streets or public places of the town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, or growing up in ignorance, shall, upon conviction thereof, be committed to the Worcester County Truant School at West Boylston, Mass., for such term as the Justice or Court having jurisdiction may determine.

SECTION 4. Truant officers appointed as herein provided, are authorized and empowered to take into custody any such child, and place him in the school to which he shall have been assigned by the School Committee of the town.

ARTICLE IV.

PENAL LAW.

SECTION 1. No person shall play at any game of ball or football, or throw ball, or stones, or snow-balls in the streets within the limits of the East Douglas fire district.

Nor shall any person deposit within any street or public places any ashes, cinders, fish or any waste-matter whatever, except by the consent of the Selectmen; nor set or plant any trees within the limits of the streets or highways of said town, without the consent of the person having the care of said streets and highways.

SECTION 2. No person shall course, coast or slide upon the streets or sidewalks of the town upon any hand-sled, board, jumper, or otherwise, except at such places and under such restrictions and regulations as the Selectmen shall designate and require.

SECTION 3. No person shall wheel, drive, or draw any coach, cart, hand-barrow, sled, bicycle, or other carriage of burden or pleasure (except children's hand-carriages, drawn by hand), or drive, or permit any horse, neat cattle, or sheep under his care to go or stand upon any sidewalk, or stand upon any street-crossing, so as to obstruct public travel.

SECTION 4. No person shall behave himself in a rude and disorderly manner, or use any indecent, profane or insulting language in any street, highway, or other public place in the town, or near any dwelling-house or other building not his own, therein, or be or remain upon any sidewalk or fence contiguous to a highway or street, or upon any doorstep, portico, or other projection from any such house or other building, nor in any church, meeting-house, railroad depot or platform, public hall or entrance thereto, to the annoyance or disturbance of any person; nor shall any person, at, near, or upon any such dwelling-house, building, sidewalk, doorstep, portico, fence or projection, or any such meeting-house, public hall, railroad depot or platform, or entrance thereto, commit any nuisance, or by any noise, gesture, or other means, wantonly or designedly drive or frighten any horse in any street, highway or public place in the town.

SECTION 5. PENALTIES. Any person violating any of the provisions of the preceding by-laws, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding ten dollars (\$10) for each offence, to be forfeited and paid to the Town, unless when different provision is made by the laws of the Commonwealth.

SECTION 6. These By-Laws may be altered, amended or annulled at any meeting called for the purpose, by a vote of two-thirds of those present and voting thereon.

SECTION 7. If these by-laws be adopted by the town and approved by the Court, all by-laws heretofore adopted by the Town and now in force, inconsistent with these by-laws, shall become null and void.

These by-laws shall be in force when approved by the Court.

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| A. F. BROWN, | } | <i>Committee.</i> |
| WILLIAM ABBOTT, | | |
| JOHN M. RAWSON, | | |

DOUGLAS, MASS.

Adopted *April* 26, 1897.

C. H. BACHELER,
Town Clerk of Douglas.

By a vote at the same time and place Mr. William Abbott was authorized to present these by-laws to the Court for approval.

C. H. BACHELER,
Town Clerk.

Annual Reports

OF THE

School Committee,

OF THE

Town of Douglas,

FOR YEAR ENDING

March 1, 1898.



PRESS OF
CHARLES J. BATCHELLER,
EAST DOUGLAS, MASS.
1898.

School Committee.

| | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| W. W. Brown, | Term expires March 1, 1898 |
| C. J. Batcheller, | 1898 |
| M. M. Luther, | 1898 |
| S. F. Root, | 1899 |
| V. T. Esten, | 1899 |
| W. H. Emerson, | 1899 |
| H. O. Lamson, | 1900 |
| E. E. Young, | 1900 |
| Stillman Russell, (deceased) | 1900 |

The above Committee met March 1897, and organized as follows:

President,—S. Russell.

Clerk, W. H. Emerson.

Superintending Committee, { S. Russell,
M. M. Luther,
W. W. Brown,

Purchasing Agent,—S. Russell.

Truant Officer,—F. F. Young.

Teachers, 1897-8.

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Ada E. McMahon, | Bertha C. Stockwell, |
| Lillian G. Lincoln, | Etta H. Johnson, |
| Bessie M. Batcheller, | K. Lena Wixtead, |
| Euna L. Buffington, | Edith M. Abbott, |
| Maud Barry, | Alice Pennell, |
| Geo. H. Stoddard, | Mary G. Lawlor, |
| Martha L. Root, | Laura E. Brown, |
| Harry L. Stockwell. | |

Statistics.

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|--|-----------------|
| Whole number of children in town May 1, 1897, between the ages of 5 and 15 years, | 425 |
| Whole number attending school during the year, of all ages, | 451 |
| Average membership, | 328 |
| Per centage of attendance to membership, | 87 |
| Average daily attendance in all the schools, | 285 |
| Whole number attending school under 5 yrs. of age, | 5 |
| over 15 yrs. | 31 |
| between the ages of 8 and 14 years, | 259 |
| Aggregate of months all the schools have been kept during the year, | 121 |
| Average number of months the schools have been kept during the year, | $8\frac{9}{14}$ |
| Number of female teachers, | 13 |
| male teachers, | 2 |
| Average wages paid female teachers, | \$59 00 |
| male teachers, | 33 67 |

Appropriations.

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Appropriations for public schools by the town, March 1, 1897, | \$5,000 00 |
| Repairs of school houses, | 200 00 |
| School books and supplies, | 300 00 |
| Transporting pupils, | 75 00 |
| State school fund, | 341 71 |
| Town school fund, (interest), | 56 48 |
| Received for school books, | 4 28 |
| New books on hand, | 168 87 |
| Received for tuition from out of town pupils, | 15 00 |
| Balance unexpended last year, | 237 06— \$6,388 40 |

Expense of Public Schools.

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Teachers' wages for the year, | \$4,558 00 |
| Permanent repairs, | 39 05 |
| Truant officer, | 15 00 |
| Care of rooms, | 162 60 |
| Purchasing agent, | 25 00 |
| School books and supplies, | 408 80 |
| Fuel, | 284 43 |
| Transporting pupils, | 61 25 |
| Paid superintending committee, | 100 00 |
| Taking school census, | 7 00 |
| Rent of central hall, graduating exercises, | 10 00 |
| Paid C. J. Batcheller, printing for graduating exercises, | 11 75 |
| Balance unexpended, | 705 52— 6,388 40 |

HIGH SCHOOL.

Teacher,—Geo. H. Stoddard.

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Length of school in weeks, | 13 | 11 | 14 |
| Wages per week, | \$22.50 | \$22.50 | \$22.50 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 24 | 32 | 31 |
| Average attendance, | 22 | 30 | 29 |

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Teacher,—Lillian G. Lincoln.

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. |
|----------------------------|---------|-------|---------|
| Length of school in weeks, | 12 | 11 | 12 |
| Wages per week, | \$12 | \$12 | \$12 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 31 | 35 | 32 |
| Average attendance, | 29 | 33 | 29 |

SCHOOL NO. 1.

Teachers, { Martha L. Root, Spring,
 { Maud Barry, Fall and Winter.

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. |
|----------------------------|---------|-------|---------|
| Length of school in weeks, | 12 | 11 | 12 |
| Wages per week, | \$9 | \$9 | \$9 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 14 | 16 | 16 |
| Average attendance, | 12 | 15 | 15 |

SCHOOL NO. 2.

Teacher,—Jennie Lawlor.

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. |
|----------------------------|---------|-------|---------|
| Length of school in weeks, | 12 | 11 | 12 |
| Wages per week, | \$7 | \$7 | \$7 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 11 | 14 | 17 |
| Average attendance, | 10 | 13 | 14 |

SCHOOL NO. 3.

Teacher,—Laura E. Brown.

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. |
|----------------------------|---------|-------|---------|
| Length of school in weeks, | 12 | 11 | 12 |
| Wages per week, | \$8 | \$8 | \$8 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 29 | 28 | 26 |
| Average attendance, | 27 | 23 | 21 |

SCHOOL NO. 4.

Teacher,—Bessie M. Batcheller.

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. |
|----------------------------|---------|-------|---------|
| Length of school in weeks, | 12 | 11 | 12 |
| Wages per week, | \$8 | \$8 | \$8 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 7 | 14 | 11 |
| Average attendance, | 6 | 13 | 9 |

SCHOOL NO. 5.

Teacher,—Harry L. Stockwell.

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. |
|----------------------------|---------|-------|---------|
| Length of school in weeks, | 12 | 9 | 3 |
| Wages per week, | \$7 | \$7 | \$7 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 10 | 7 | 6 |
| Average attendance, | 8 | 6 | 5 |

SCHOOL NO. 7.

Teacher,—Bertha C. Stockwell.

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. |
|----------------------------|---------|-------|---------|
| Length of school in weeks, | 12 | 11 | 12 |
| Wages per week, | \$7 | \$7 | \$7 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 19 | 24 | 21 |
| Average attendance, | 17 | 22 | 18 |

SCHOOL NO. 8.

Teacher,—Alice Pennell.

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. |
|----------------------------|---------|-------|---------|
| Length of school in weeks, | 12 | 11 | 12 |
| Wages per week, | \$7 | \$7 | \$7 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 13 | 13 | 12 |
| Average attendance, | 11 | 10 | 10 |

SCHOOL NO. 9.

PRIMARY.

Teacher,—Edith M. Abbott.

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. |
|----------------------------|---------|-------|---------|
| Length of school in weeks, | 12 | 11 | 12 |
| Wages per week, | \$8 | \$8 | \$8 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 25 | 27 | 26 |
| Average attendance, | 23 | 24 | 23 |

INTERMEDIATE.

Teacher,—Ada E. McMahon.

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. |
|----------------------------|---------|-------|---------|
| Length of school in weeks, | 12 | 11 | 12 |
| Wages per week, | \$9 | \$9 | \$9 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 45 | 36 | 35 |
| Average attendance, | 42 | 32 | 31 |

SCHOOL NO. 10.

PRIMARY.

Teacher,—Etta Johnson.

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. |
|----------------------------|---------|-------|---------|
| Length of school in weeks, | 12 | 11 | 12 |
| Wages per week, | \$8 | \$8 | \$8 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 28 | 30 | 27 |
| Average attendance, | 21 | 23 | 22 |

INTERMEDIATE.

Teacher,—Euna L. Buffington.

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. |
|----------------------------|---------|-------|---------|
| Length of school in weeks, | 12 | 11 | 12 |
| Wages per week, | \$9 | \$9 | \$9 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 30 | 28 | 30 |
| Average attendance, | 28 | 27 | 28 |

SCHOOL NO. 11, (Engine Hall.)

Teacher,—K. Lena Wixtead.

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. |
|----------------------------|---------|-------|---------|
| Length of school in weeks, | 12 | 11 | 12 |
| Wages per week, | \$9 | \$9 | \$9 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 38 | 34 | 29 |
| Average attendance, | 34 | 25 | 22 |

TO THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

In accordance with the custom of many towns of this state and at your request, the report of the Douglas High School for the year 1897-8 is respectfully submitted.

At the beginning of the year, there were twenty-four pupils registered. A class of three was graduated in June. In the fall twelve were admitted from the grammar school and two whose parents had moved here from other towns. The whole number enrolled during the year was, therefore, thirty-seven, of which seventeen were boys and twenty girls. Three of the boys and one girl attended school only a part of the year. By a comparison with preceding town reports, it will be seen that both the number enrolled and the average attendance are increasing.

The objects of school training are to make good citizens, to develop all of the mental, moral, and physical powers, and to store up in the mind facts that may be of use in after life. The only study of the course that bears directly on the first is Civil Government. Further instruction with this important aim in view must be given incidentally in connection with other studies. One of the best means to this end is found in the method of discipline. The aim is to secure self-government. Several

methods or rather modifications of the same method have been tried with satisfactory results as far as two-thirds of the school are concerned. The remaining third are sadly deficient in the power of self control or self respect or both, but, even in their case, some gain has been made.

The last two objects of education are promoted by each study just in proportion to the regularity and thoroughness with which the pupil performs his daily tasks. It is very difficult to make pupils realize what is for their own best interest. Too many want to study only what is easy, pleasant, or the limited number of studies that they think they will use in after life and neglect all others in the course, forgetting that the greater the difficulties overcome the greater the gain in mental power and ability to overcome new difficulties in whatever form they may appear.

During the past year an attempt has been made to overcome a tendency to idleness and carelessness. While there has not been as much accomplished as was hoped, each of the classes has done more work and a considerable part of the school have done it more thoroughly than last year. All are now ready to make still greater improvement in the year to come. A careful record of the work done by each pupil has been kept. Those who do not attain the low average rank of sixty five per cent. in each study will be required to take the work over again next year. Next Fall, this record will begin to have a beneficial effect on the thoroughness of the work.

I would recommend, that certain text-books that have been in use for many years be exchanged for more modern ones; that the course of study be revised in accordance with the recommendations of the State Board of Education; that a small sum be expended each year for chemicals and apparatus for Physics and Chemistry. The value derived from the study of these two sciences is very greatly increased by a comparatively slight outlay.

GEO. H. STODDARD, Principal.

Report of the Superintending Committee.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF DOUGLAS:

The Superintending Committee hereby submit their annual report upon the condition of the public schools for the year ending March 1, 1898.

The schools have as a whole made good progress and the results have been quite satisfactory. Each year marks some important improvement in methods of instruction and our aim has been to make the instruction imparted more and more practical each year.

ACCOMMODATION.

At the commencement of the spring term the over-crowded condition in the intermediate grade made it necessary to hire the room formerly occupied by the high school to accommodate the large number of pupils in attendance. The pupils of the second year were taken from primary school No. 9 and placed in Nos. 3 and 10. The fourth year class was taken from intermediate school No. 9 and making an intermediate and a sub-intermediate of two years work each. This change relieved the congestion in the intermediate grade and better progress has resulted. The over-crowded condition of the grammar school with a three year's course can be relieved by regrading when the new school building now in process of construction is completed.

VERTICAL WRITING.

The most noticeable change of the year has been the introduction of vertical copies in penmanship in all our schools. This change from slant forms made, early in the spring term, met the approval of all our teachers. It is not slant writing made perpendicular but has a character of roundness and legibility. The improvement in the style of writing in each grade deserves special mention. Vertical writing can be taught in less time than the slant, therefore it is more available for use in common schools than the former system and its utility is probably as great for ordinary purposes as the more difficult slant forms.

READING.

In the matter of reading there has been a great advance, due to the use of supplementary readers, in place of the text-books read until it was memorized. Supplementary readers have been supplied as needed in some of our schools without additional expense. This policy should be continued until every class in the lower and middle grades are supplied. It has resulted in more facility in reading aloud and the reading exercises have become enjoyable and profitable. Not only is the animation and interest of the class maintained during the exercises but a desire for the reading of good literature is awakened. In thus reading for culture and pleasure every child in our public schools, through his regular reading exercises, becomes well informed.

ARITHMETIC.

A radical change should be made in the course. More oral arithmetic should be given in connection with slate work. The amount of mental arithmetic should be increased and properly connected with the mechanical work. Several non-essential topics should be omitted and the most careful attention should be given to the fundamental rules as they apply to every day practical business methods.

ATTENDANCE.

The attendance of pupils was much interrupted during the fall and winter terms by the prevalence of diphtheria.

Of the absence for other reasons than sickness, by far the larger part is due to a very few pupils who can least afford to lose the benefits of common school education. The most trivial excuses are offered for a great majority of the cases of absence. Upon the parent rests a large part of the responsibility of regular attendance.

The evil effects of irregular attendance are not confined to the pupils who attend irregularly but extends through every department of school work and seriously impairs the efficiency of the schools. The following brief extracts of educational law relating to attendance should be rigidly enforced.

All children between 8 and 14, unless sick, feeble-minded, or at an approved private school, or otherwise instructed in branches required by law must attend the public schools 30 weeks each school year. They must begin with the first month of the spring term. Two weeks absence is allowed. Penalty for each five days excess, except for sickness, \$20.

Any under 15 being an habitual truant or wandering about in the streets and public places, having no lawful employment or business, not attending school and growing up in ignorance, shall be committed to some institution provided for the purpose for a term not exceeding two years. No child under 13 can be employed at any time in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment.

No child between 13 and 14 can be employed until he has attended school 30 weeks of the school year.

No child under 16 can be employed without a certificate from the School Committee.

TRUANCY.

The services of the truant officer have been very useful and very much in demand. Several cases of absence through destitution have been discovered during the year, but the majority of truants are such because of their environment outside the school-room and because of their habits of aimlessness which cannot be easily reached by all the good influences of the school. Being morally weak they yield readily to temptation and the restraints of school become irksome to them. The truant is almost certain to become a criminal if he is not checked in his truancy. Every effort should be used to check this evil, even though we are compelled to send the offenders to the truant school.

GRADING AND PROMOTIONS.

Grading produces both economy and efficiency in instruction. In our course of study, the work below the high school is divided into three grades, primary, intermediate, and grammar each including three years work. At the close of the spring term promotions are decided and the pupils take their places in the higher grades, at the commencement of the fall term in September. Promotions have been made with special care and very few cases of regrading have arisen. The pupils who were required to repeat last year's work have been greatly profited by it. Theoretically all pupils of a grade are able to do the same work and advance at the same speed, but practically a great difference of power is found to exist—difference in mental ability, in industry, ambition, health, regular attendance, home advantages and other elements that affect progress. Though all pupils of a class may have reached the same page of the book yet great differences have existed in thoroughness with which the preceding work has been done. Experience has proved that the majority of our pupils are fairly treated by the system of annual promotions, but there are two classes of pupils to whom this system is unjust. The first are those who have more than average ability, who could easily accomplish more than the required amount of work in the school year, but have no opportunity to advance more rapidly than their classmates except by making up the work of an entire year, which would be a difficult task. The second class comprises those who, although not qualified for promotion, are yet so well advanced that it would be unjust to require them to repeat the work of the entire year. Practically those below the average set the pace to which all others must conform, straining the weaker and suppressing the stronger. Again we frequently find that some pupils do well in all subjects but one, usually, language or arithmetic. To require such a pupil to review all the subjects in which he does well for the sake of the one in which he does poorly, is not permitting him to use his time to the greatest profit. Under our present system of gradation these difficulties cannot be practically remedied, but in event of better accommodations, by regrading and adopting semi-annual promotions an economical remedy can be adopted.

DISCIPLINE.

To properly discipline a school is a faculty which every

teacher must possess, and without which no school can be a success. It is one of the surest tests of a teachers efficiency. The teacher who keeps the pupils busy uses one of the best safeguards against bad conduct. With improved methods and spirit in teaching many of our schols are becoming well disciplined which is noticeably characterized by the orderly activity of pupils, and not by quiet inactivity.

By the death of Stillman Russell, many years an active member of the School Committee, the cause of education in the town has suffered a severe loss. We desire to express our appreciation of his conscientious devotion to the duties of the committee and the valuable assistance he has rendered in the past. We also wish to express our sympathy with his family in their unspeakable loss.

CONCLUSION.

It would by impossible in this brief report to discuss all that is interesting in our schools. To the teachers we wish to express our hearty thanks for their co-operation and earnest efforts which so fully characterize their work. To the parents and citizens we beg to express our feelings of obligation for the pleasant relations in our frequent conferences during the past year. We hope that such conferences both with the committee and the teachers may become more frequent in the future. In this way misunderstandings will be prevented and each party may come to feel that there is a desire on the part of each to meet the wishes of the other. The follow appropriations are recommended for the support of schools:—

Schools, \$5,000.00; books and supplies, \$300.00; repairs, \$100.00 ; transporting pupils, \$75.00.

W. W. BROWN, } Superintending
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